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Nationalists seek aeroplane parts, find sugar cargo

It was grim humour to personnel of the ss. Empiro Mountain and HMS Morecombe Bay when a "disillusioned" Nationalist naval officer apologised profusely on discovering only sugar instead of aeroplane parts aboard the British blockade runner.

However, on their return yesterday from North China most of the seamen recalled their experiences with good-natured grins. It was their first trip to Red China and "it's all in the game."

Malaya wants more troops

Singapore, April 11.

The Malayan Legislative Council meeting on April 10 will debate a motion urging the British Government to send more troops "forthwith" to speed the campaign against Communist terrorism.

The text of the motion released in Kuala Lumpur today said that while the Council appreciated the recent additional assistance by His Majesty's Government, it viewed with grave concern the slow progress towards the end of the terrorist menace.

"Considerable further military aid must be immediately forthcoming," the motion stated.—Reuters.

U.S. dollar declines further

A mild sensation was caused in the money market yesterday when the rate for United States dollars dropped to HK\$6.044.

There had been persistent rumours over the week-end that the bottom would fall out of the greenback due to heavy off-loading by certain interests, but it was not expected that it would be lower than \$6.10.

Actually the market opened at \$6.07 1/2 but with all sellers and no buyers, the rate quickly dropped to \$6.04 1/2. In the afternoon it recovered slightly to \$6.05.

Transactions by TT were booked between \$6.08 1/2 and \$6.09 1/2. Heavy off-loading by Kuomintang interests of both gold and greenbacks was given as the reason for the heavy slump. The situation has been worsened by an almost complete lack of buying interest, due to the deteriorating trade situation.

JAP FINANCE MINISTER TO VISIT U.S.

Tokyo, April 11.

The Japanese Government announces today that "upon the recommendation of General MacArthur, the Government has decided to despatch the Finance Minister, Mr. Ikeda, to the United States to inspect financial and monetary conditions as well as to study the taxation system and tax collections."

The statement said that Ikeda might leave at any time, and would stay in America for three weeks.

Ikeda would make the trip in the official capacity of Finance Minister.—Reuters.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT, (3 p.m. HKST) the depression which was forming South of Okinawa has deepened slightly and is moving North East. Pressure is high to the East of Japan.

Today's Forecast: Light, or moderate Easterly winds. Overcast, occasional light rain. Sea: choppy. Coastal fog patches. Clouds: mists.

Yesterday's Weather: (Maximum) 81, (Minimum) 69, (Average) 75. (Maximum) 78, (Minimum) 66, (Average) 72. (Maximum) 75, (Minimum) 63, (Average) 69. (Maximum) 72, (Minimum) 60, (Average) 66. (Maximum) 69, (Minimum) 57, (Average) 63. (Maximum) 66, (Minimum) 54, (Average) 60. (Maximum) 63, (Minimum) 51, (Average) 57. (Maximum) 60, (Minimum) 48, (Average) 54. (Maximum) 57, (Minimum) 45, (Average) 51. (Maximum) 54, (Minimum) 42, (Average) 48. (Maximum) 51, (Minimum) 39, (Average) 45. (Maximum) 48, (Minimum) 36, (Average) 42. (Maximum) 45, (Minimum) 33, (Average) 39. (Maximum) 42, (Minimum) 30, (Average) 36. (Maximum) 39, (Minimum) 27, (Average) 33. (Maximum) 36, (Minimum) 24, (Average) 30. (Maximum) 33, (Minimum) 21, (Average) 27. (Maximum) 30, (Minimum) 18, (Average) 24. (Maximum) 27, (Minimum) 15, (Average) 21. (Maximum) 24, (Minimum) 12, (Average) 18. (Maximum) 21, (Minimum) 9, (Average) 15. (Maximum) 18, (Minimum) 6, (Average) 12. (Maximum) 15, (Minimum) 3, (Average) 9. 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RUBBER PLANTERS HIT BY LOW PRICES

Human death from rabies

The second human death from rabies this year, was registered in the week ended April 1, according to the weekly Health Return released yesterday.

In the same week there were one death from meningitis, two from diphtheria, three from dysentery, and 87 from tuberculosis.

Deaths from tuberculosis brought the total from the beginning of the year to April 1 to 760.

Total deaths from all causes in the week under review was 343 as against 1,108 births.

Reminders

Today

Inter-Services Boxing Championships, final & finals, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.
Tee H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, screening of mystery film "Nevada", 8 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, District Office, 11 a.m.
Cheong Services Club, Dancing Class, 9 p.m.
Sino-British Club orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral, 8.15 p.m.
Screening of film "Dust or Destiny" at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, 8.30 p.m.
HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, monthly meeting, China Fleet Club (in small hall), 5.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW
Inauguration meeting of International Y's Men's Club of HK, Chinese Bankers' Club, 7.30 p.m.
HK International Women's Club, informal dance, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.
Mahjong class, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
St. Stephen's College Old Boys Association, annual dinner-dance, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.
Women's Section European YMCA, Beginner's Dress-making, 10 a.m.

Traffic offender fined

On a charge of failing to have full control of his car, Tai Shing, driver of car No. 1050, was fined \$500 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector D.R. Fyfe told the Court that on Saturday evening, after defendant had left his car in Salgon Street, the car careered a distance of 212 feet to the South West corner of Temple Street, knocking down two pedestrians and damaging another car on its way. One of the pedestrians, a woman, suffered a broken leg and is still in Kowloon Hospital.

Defendant, who had 10 previous convictions for traffic offences, including one for driving without due care and caution, was cautioned on another charge of failing to stop as close as possible to the roadside of the road.

Mr. d'Almada advised a relative of the injured woman to seek compensation from defendant in other Courts as the amount he could award was limited.

A recommendation for the suspension of defendant's driver's licence for six months was also made by the Magistrate.

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The average price of rubber since the end of the war has been inadequate to cover production costs, normal re-planting and the replacement of machinery and buildings except for the cheapest producers.

This was stated yesterday by Mr. W. A. Welch, Chairman of the Rubber Trust, Limited, at the company's annual meeting of shareholders.

In addition, added Mr. Welch, companies have been faced with heavy rehabilitation and also with the necessity of accelerated re-planting programmes owing to the years lost because of the war.

"As a result of the inadequate rubber prices most companies started the year 1949 with their liquid resources badly depleted. During the year the price of rubber steadily dropped to a low level of 31 Straits cents in June. The main reason for this fall here firstly, that Indonesia and Siam were selling cheaply to the United States in order to acquire dollars.

"Indonesia ruled that 50 per cent of all rubber exported must go to America, and in Siam, exporters were allowed to retain a large proportion of the U.S. dollars received. Secondly, that American purchasers were able to get rubber at cheap U.S. dollar prices, owing to the availability of cheap foreign account sterling for the purchase of rubber.

"Thirdly, the anticipation of devaluation of sterling made buyers hold off, and also of course, accentuated the cheapness of foreign account sterling mentioned above, and lastly, the policies of both the American Government, who were protecting the synthetic industry, and of the American rubber manufacturers, who were interested in forcing down the price of natural rubber.

"This heavy fall in the price of rubber took place in the face of a sound statistical position, output and consumption being well balanced and stocks being low.

The continued statements from London in general, and from Sir Stafford Cripps in particular, that there would be no devaluation, made the situation more difficult, and as soon as there was a slight rally in price due to encouraging statements about American help and support of the industry, they closed the dollar gap, many companies sold forward a proportion of their output for the whole of 1950 at prices around 38 and 37 Straits cents pound, as they thought it prudent to cover some of their expenses, and they could not risk the possibility of lower prices. These forward sales naturally had a depressing effect on the market.

Cripps blamed

"After devaluation was announced, the price fluctuated between 40 and 43 Straits cents, and producers again took the opportunity to sell forward large quantities for 1950, because of their financial position. These sales had the effect of keeping the price down to about 44 Straits cents, the equivalent of about 18 U.S. cents a pound, a price well below the price of synthetic rubber, which is 18½ U.S. cents.

By November, most of these forward sales had been completed and the price then broke through the 45 Straits cents level, and is now more than 50 Straits cents a pound.

"I think it can safely be said that if War Damage Claims had been paid before 1949, thus restoring some of the liquid resources of the plantation companies, and if Sir Stafford Cripps had not been so emphatic about there being no devaluation, then many of the forward sales would not have taken place, and the planting industry and the British economy would have been very considerably better off today," said Mr. Welch.

"The statistical forecast for 1950 he added, is encouraging with estimated production of 1,126,000 tons and estimated consumption of 1,556,000 tons, but there are several factors which need watching. Firstly, the present Singapore price is equivalent to about 19½ U.S. cents, that is to say, one cent above the price of synthetic, and the price many have to come down if natural rubber sales lose any ground.

Export incentive

"Recently the Indonesian Government has issued certain regulations for giving an export incentive by allowing exporters to receive certificates entitling them to foreign exchange and import permits to the value of half their exports. As yet it is too early to judge the effect of these new regulations and whether they will induce a decrease in the export of rubber.

"Thirdly, it is expected that the Indonesian Government will issue a new regulation, which will allow exporters to receive a further 25 per cent of their export value in foreign exchange, which will be a very considerable incentive.

of labour in Sumatra, that if further estates are recovered and opened up then outputs can only be obtained at the expense of the outputs of estates already operating. The Indonesian Government has said that it will encourage the transfer of labour from other islands to Sumatra, but this will take time.

"Lastly, there is always the danger that the Indonesian Government may take over control of the sale of all produce in order to obtain much needed U.S. dollars, and will sell rubber at comparatively low prices.

In spite of the intensive propaganda in America it is quite clear that natural rubber is superior to synthetic for very many purposes, and that the factories need ample and increasing supplies of natural rubber. The price of natural rubber, therefore, should at least be equal to the price of synthetic rubber, provided that natural rubber is given a fair chance to compete.

"It is hoped, therefore, that new legislation in America will have the effect of removing some of the protection which has hitherto been afforded to the synthetic industry, and that the new organisation formed by the Rubber Development Board and financed by the natural rubber producers for the purpose of advertising natural rubber and countering the flood of propaganda for synthetic, will make some progress towards giving the natural product a larger market throughout the world and especially in the United States. The consumption of natural rubber in Germany, France and Italy is increasing, and Russia is still buying large quantities, although at irregular intervals," added Mr. Welch.

Net profit

"The net profit for the year was HK\$240,601. The carry forward from the previous year was HK\$274,271, to which has been added HK\$73,028 provisions not required, and a sum of HK\$38,377 received from the Custodian of Enemy Property in Burma in respect of rubber belonging to New Amherst Estate, recovered at the end of the war.

"The Directors have recommended that a further HK\$300,000 be transferred to General Reserve and that the balance on Appropriation Account of HK\$304,274 be carried forward to the new period. Since the end of the financial year the remainder of the War Loan has been sold and the overdraft reduced. Up to date HK\$965,000 has been spent on rehabilitation in Malaya and Burma, and also HK\$218,797 on replanting old rubber. These expenditures have depleted the Company's reserves very considerably, but with the increase in the price of rubber and also the possibility of the payment of War Damage Claims, the position of the Company will improve very greatly during 1950," concluded Mr. Welch.

Present at the meeting were: Messrs. H. Kadoret, A. E. Fenton (Directors), Mr. G. A. Smith (representing the Secretaries and General Managers), J. A. Wattle and Company, Limited, and Shareholders representing 574, 958 shares.

Nine-year-old meets with ferry trouble

Robert Galbraith, a blond, nine-year-old lad from Stanley Fort, had his share of ferry trouble yesterday. "I've lost my mummy!" the boy tearfully declared when a "China Mail" reporter met him on the "Northern Star" crossing from Kowloon in the morning.

After having been told that his mummy would be found, little Robert soon dried his tears and with his new reporter friend, toured the launch in search of her. But she was not to be found. Just before the "Northern Star" drew away from the pier, however, mummy was discovered waiting in the second pier at Kowloon, equally as worried, looking for Robert.

Robert now came out with his troubles. He had been shopping with his mummy in Kowloon, he said. Arriving at the Kowloon pier, Robert had been buried by the crowd (it was during the peak hour) and found himself in the number one pier and very alone. Mother apparently had been deserted at the last moment to the adjacent pier, with neither knowing where the other had gone.

It was a happy day when the "Electric" came alongside at the Hong Kong pier a little later when mummy came hurriedly to the ferry to claim her son. Robert was then taken home by his mother, who was very relieved to find him safe and sound.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lockwood were given a farewell party at the Cafe de Chine yesterday afternoon. Above photo shows (left to right) Mr. Lam Chee-ping, Mrs. Lockwood, Mr. Lee Ying-lam, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Lee Koa-yuen. ("China Mail" photo).

Canton YMCA man feted on eve of departure for U.S.

More than 100 Chinese and foreign friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lockwood gathered at the Cafe de Chine yesterday afternoon to bid the couple farewell on the eve of their departure for the United States on retirement. Mr. Lockwood has been associated with the Chinese YMCA of Canton for exactly 35 years.

His retirement is compulsory according to YMCA regulations because he has reached the age of 60 years.

Many speakers expressed their sorrow at his departure. They said his long residence in Canton had made him a true friend of the Chinese people, and friends of this kind were not easily replaced. One speaker said he had known Mr. Lockwood for over 20 years. He had always worked on the principle that the young men of China were the nation's greatest asset, and since his arrival had cherished a profound and true love for the youth of the country.

Mr. Lockwood's Christian name Edward, he said, when translated into Chinese meant "Kind Friend."

"This translation is literally true," the speaker said, "because Mr. Lockwood has been our friend, and he has always been kind."

Just prior to the serving of Chinese-style tea, Mr. Lockwood made his reply to the congratulatory addresses. He spoke in Cantonese, fluently and effortlessly.

Sorry to leave

He said he was sorry to leave, but regulations were regulations, and he had to abide by them. He had lived in China for 35 years, and had hoped to spend the rest of his days here. China, rather than the United States, was his home.

Mr. Lockwood said, the Chinese young men of today were going through a trying period, but his experience of them—stretching more than a quarter of a century—was that they had the spirit to overcome current difficulties.

They had shown remarkable fortitude during the war with Japan, and would do so again. When he came here 35 years ago his impressions of the country and its people were superficial, but he was leaving China now with the greatest regret because

he had come to know and to love the Chinese. The people he had lived with in Canton and shown him many kindnesses, and he did not know how to thank them. He hoped they would one day come to America, to his farm in Los Angeles, where he would treat them royally with all the hospitality he was able to command. He paid a tribute to the Chinese spirit—which he said was essentially noble, generous and beyond compare.

"I leave China," he declared, "with sorrow. Though my body may be across the seas, my spirit will be here with you always." He ended by saying he wished he would have the chance to return here one day.

Urban Council committees

Appointment of two select committees to deal with controlling the sale of certain foodstuffs and with bathing beaches and swimming pools, was approved by the Urban Council yesterday at its fortieth meeting.

The committee to deal with restrictions on the sale of foodstuffs (for the prevention and control of diseases) includes the Chairman of the Urban Council, the Deputy Director of Health Services and the Senior Health Officer.

The committee that will deal with bathing beaches and swimming pools includes the Chairman of the Urban Council, the Director of Public Works, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. M. W. Lo and Mr. C. E. Terry.

At yesterday's meeting the Urban Council refused six applications for licences for an offensive trade, a cafe, a piggery, growing of water cress and for milk shops.

Rotarians find painless way to save water

"Nectar of the Gods" was the title chosen by Rotarian Maurice Montargis for his talk on the virtues of wine at the Hong Kong Rotary Club luncheon yesterday.

To the audience, however, it was more than just a talk, thanks to the generosity of Hong Kong wine merchants who supplied, free of charge, wines by the case, for sampling by the Rotarians and their guests.

"Drink wine only to help the save water campaign" was the order of the day, and the rows of empty bottles after the meal bore ample testimony to the vigour with which the participants responded. From white burgundy to red claret, it was a continuous course of wine throughout the meal, ending up with champagne and liqueur brandy.

Mr. Montargis, a renowned connoisseur on wine, delighted his audience with his witty discourse which went, back 5,000 years when people were first known to have appreciated the virtues of this beverage of the gods.

BIBLE LECTURES

Sunday will mark the first anniversary of the Bible lectures conducted at the Bible Auditorium.

For a year, without a break, a continued series of Bible lectures by F. W. Detamore, world traveller and Bible lecturer, has been in progress.

The anniversary meeting on Sunday will take the form of a special candle-light service. The service will be conducted at 7.30 p.m. in Hong Kong at the Memorial Church, 17 Ventris Road and at 8.45 p.m. Kowloon, Chatham and Mody Roads at the Bible Auditorium.

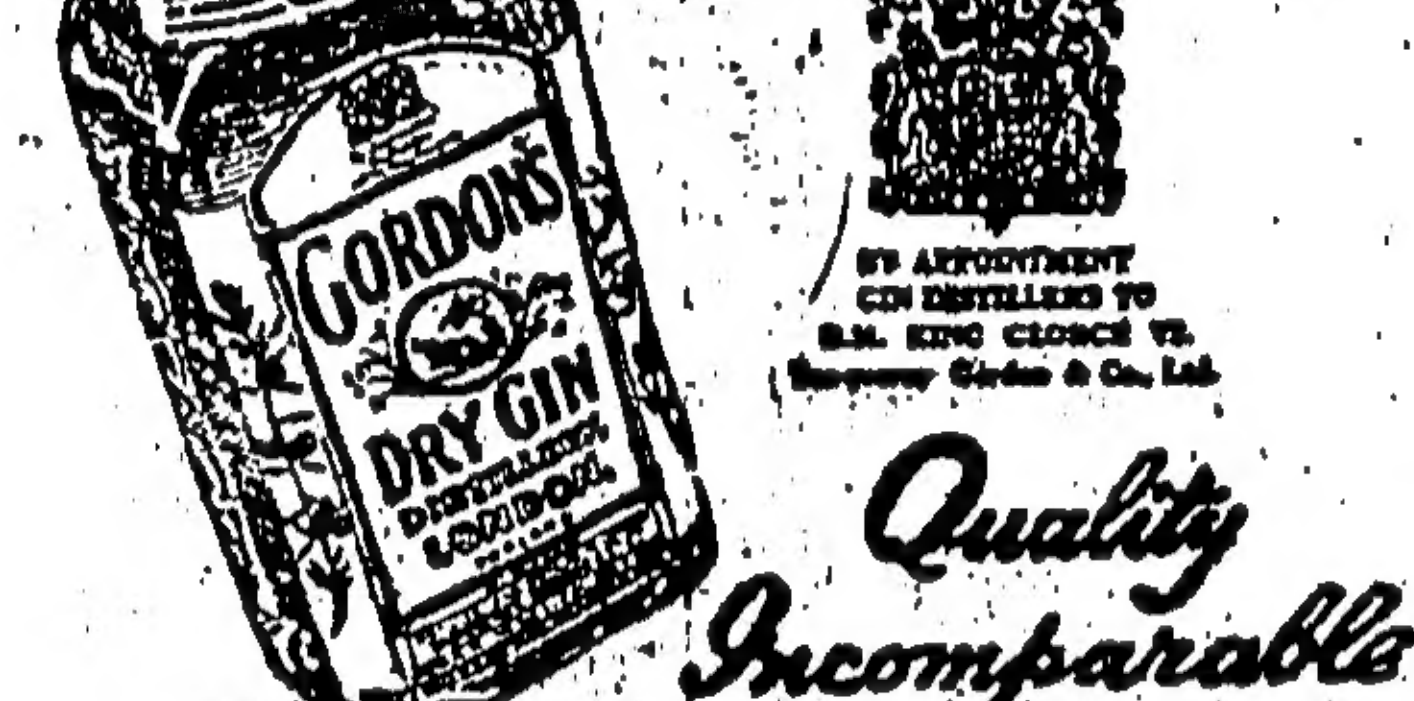
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at Noon, for the purpose of:—

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- (2) Election of Directors.
- (3) Election of Auditors.
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AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of last annual meeting.
2. Adoption of Accounts.
3. Election of President & Committee.
4. Any other business.

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ed in the British Legion, would
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tract, the percentages may favour
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if the other way does not risk
the making of the contract, it
should usually be preferred, even
in a tournament. It is surpris-
ing how often the surest road to con-
tract will also develop extra tricks
through the fall of the cards. But
some players do not apparently
like to give nature a chance.

S A K H 9743 D Q 943 C 764
S H A J 10 5 D 5 C A 932
S 10 7 5 H K 6 2 D A K J C K J 10 8

It looks difficult for a declarer
to get himself beaten at that con-
tract, but one South in a tourna-
ment managed to West opened
hearts 3, and South played the
1 from dummy. East was Tobias
Stone, one of New York's most
brilliant younger masters, who re-
fused to co-operate by wasting his
Q when he could read South from
the bidding as almost surely hold-
ing the K. He put in the 8 and
he K won. South then took

what looked like a sure winning
finesse, losing the J to the Q.

The diamond 6 return brought
the J and Q, and the heart 9 was
led to the 10. Now South led
dummy's club 9, and again Mr.
Stone refused to help by playing
his Q. When the K was that,
the J was finessed to the Q. That
was trick three for the defence
and the spade return brought two
more to beat the game.

The Souths who counted tricks
noted that three were sure in
hearts by playing the 10 on the
first lead, leaving all suits doubly
stopped. There was time then for
spade leads until the two tops
were out, assuring two tricks
there, plus two each in clubs and
diamonds. Merely running those
tricks felled both of East's queens,
giving the declarer two extra
tricks, having lost only two in
spades.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 7 6 5 H A K Q D A K 7 0 C K 8 7

Dealer: South. East-West vul-
nerable).
South West North East
1 C Pass 1 S Pass
1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

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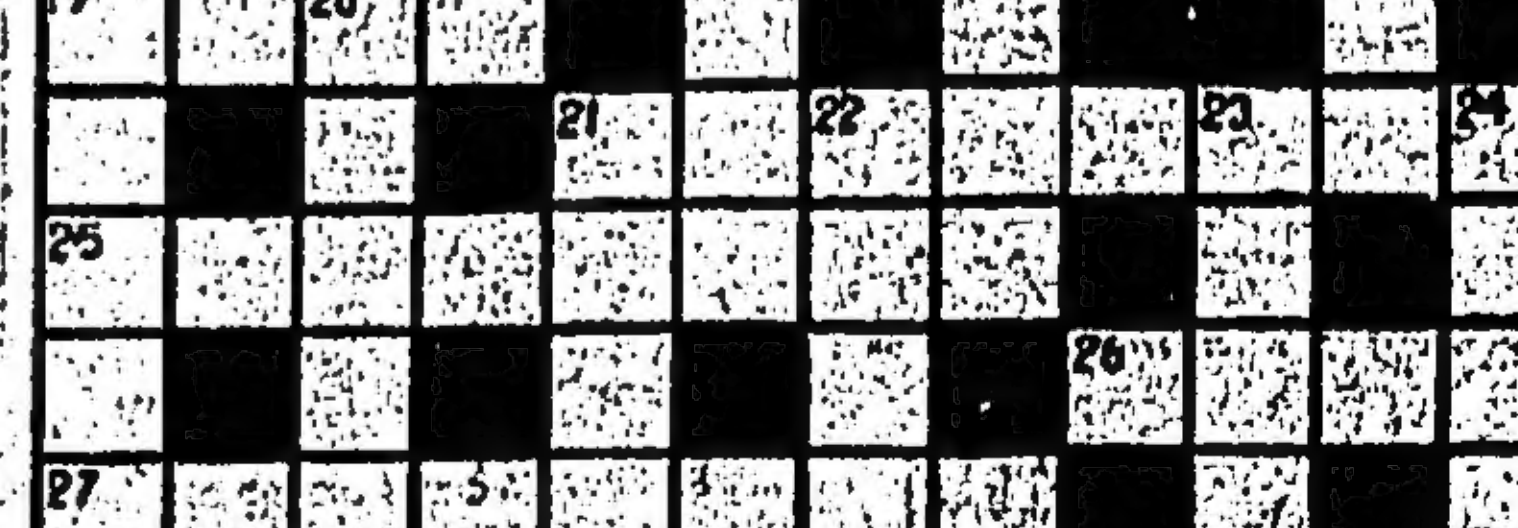
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Tomorrow's Problem
S 7 6 5 H A K Q D A K 7 0 C K 8 7

Dealer: West. Both sides vul-
nerable).
If West leads the club 10
against South's 8-hearts, dummy
playing low, what influence does
East's action have on the ensuing
play?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Increment 19 Microbe
8 Begin 21 Worthy
9 Flower 25 Weakened
11 Benign 26 Took to
18 Poetical court.
pasture
19 Solaces 27 Turning in-
side out
18 Implying comparison

Down

1 Contractual obligation block
2 Oppressed 16 Bay
person 17 Savoury
4 Trill 18 Direct
5 Incursion 20 Indian coin
6 Solitary 21 Pissure
7 Finished 22 Incline
9 More im- 24 Spell of
portant 25
10 Revolt 26 Cynical

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1. Depot. 4. Award
Aperture. 8. Reelin. 9. Threat. 11
Emerald. 12. Intrude. 15. Lame.
16. Thigh. 18. Solace. 20. Biscuit.
21. Direct. 22. Incline. 23. Spell. 24. Cynical.

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BRITISH COMMUNISM SUFFERING ECLIPSE

London, April 11.

The British Communists are not doing at all well today. A party spokesman reports that membership has dropped to a total of 42,000 from its peak of 60,000 in 1942, and only about 33,000 of those are active. It lost its only two members of the House of Commons—William Gallacher and Phil Piratin—in the February 23 election; its newspaper, the "Daily Worker," is running up a monthly deficit of £3,200 on a daily circulation of 111,000, and the Trade Union Movement has struck another heavy blow at Communist influence within its ranks.

Still more serious, perhaps, the official Russian Government newspaper, "Izvestia," has declared that the Communist Party here has not become the mass party of working class.

Such criticism might foretell a purge of British Communist leaders similar to that which most European Communist parties have undergone recently. But as yet there is no sign of one.

"The Fuchs case hurt us," the spokesman told an interviewer. "It was very bad propaganda so far as we were concerned and certainly will cost us members even though Fuchs was not a member of the party here."

He was referring to Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the German-born Communist scientist, who gave British and American atom secrets to Russia. Fuchs was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment on February 28.

The ruling Labour Party considers British Communists politically ineffective today, although it recognises that they are powerful in the Foundry Workers' Union, the Electrical Trades Union, and the Civil Service Clerical Association, and that many of the shop stewards in other unions are Communists.

"They can cause us a hell of a lot of trouble," a Labour Party

official said. "Do not be beguiled by their self-criticism and their tale of weakness. We are not."

TUC aware of danger:
The powerful Trades Union Congress (TUC), the voluntary organisation which acts as a clearing house for all British trades unions, has recognised the Communist danger.

It council has expelled its lone Communist member, Bert Papworth, defeated Arthur Horner, Communist secretary of the powerful National Union of Mine Workers, in his bid for a council seat, and has directed that hereafter no Communist is to be eligible to attend the annual conference of the trades councils, the local units of the TUC.

The Communist official, who spoke with the full authority of the party's 30-member executive committee, but requested anonymity, made these points:

1. The party is financed solely by its members here in Britain, and gets absolutely no money from any outside source.

2. The party here has no guidance from Moscow and most emphatically no link with the Soviet Embassy in London.

The General Secretary, Harry Pollitt, 40-year-old driving force of British Communism, has this to say:

"The Communist Party of Great Britain is independent and self-

governing. Its policy is based on the conditions prevailing here in Britain and on the interests of the British labour movement."

Moscow line
Asked why the British Communist stand always coincided—or was made to agree with—that taken by Moscow, the spokesman replied:

"Because we are all Marxists, and take the Marxist, that is, the Communist line."
3. Communists will eventually govern Britain but, possibly not in the foreseeable future and possibly not under the label of Communists. The Workers' Party would be the more likely name.

4. The February 23 election, in which the party failed to elect a single one of its 193 candidates, was a bitter disappointment and sorry evidence of its failure.

The party's election expenses—including lost deposits of £150 forfeited by each candidate who failed to poll one-eighth of the district vote, was £40,000.

5. Although party membership has dropped from its peak, it is still 27,000 more than in 1935. The party has lost strength in the last two years in the coal fields, but has gained members among urban factory workers. Most of its members have average weekly earnings of about £7.

Still confident

Does the election failure mean the end of the party in Britain? Most emphatically not, says Mr. Pollitt.

President of the party in Britain is Mr. Gallacher, but Mr. Pollitt is the real director from his post as General Secretary.

His balding grey hair pushes off a high forehead, and thick brows show his sharp brown eyes with their direct, undaunted look. His sturdy body speaks that of a one-time boilermaker. He is still a member of the Boilermakers' Union.

Like Mr. Gallacher, he was one of the foundation members of the Communist Party here. He was arrested in 1925 for his political activities.

Mr. Pollitt was removed as party Secretary in October, 1939, shortly after the outbreak of the second world war for his failure to see that the war was "an unjust and imperialist war in which Britain and Germany are fighting for imperialist aims, for colonies and world domination."

At the time Russia was allied with Germany.

But Mr. Pollitt recanted in the following November, publicly acknowledged his error and later was renamed Secretary.

Party's aims

He has been a perennial candidate for Parliament from the Welsh district of East Rhondda, but has never been elected.

In the 1945 election he came within 1,000 votes of beating a Socialist but in the 1950 election in the same constituency against the same Socialist he fell 22,000 votes behind.

What do British Communists want? What are they fighting for?

Mr. Pollitt says: "First, the encouragement of the working class in resisting any further attacks on their present living standards; 2. for increased wages for the workers; 3. against un-

Blackpool hit by sudden gale

London, April 10.

A sudden 90-mph an hour gale struck the holiday town of Blackpool today, sweeping people off their feet, wrecking shop windows and tearing slates off roofs.

Thousands of holiday-makers were promenading on the seafront in spring sunshine when the gale ripped in from over the sea. Many clung to lamp-posts to save themselves, tramcars swayed in the gusts, and iron seats were flung across the promenade. Five women and two men were taken to hospital with cuts from debris.—Reuter.

SOCIALIST DECISION TO FIGHT

Brussels, April 10.

Nine hundred delegates to the Belgian National Socialist Council resolved today to wage merciless and relentless battle against the return of King Leopold to the Throne. In a resolution presented by M. Paul Henri-Spaak, and passed at an emergency meeting shortly after Professor Jacques Pirenne, the King's chief secretary, had talked with M. Spaak, a former Socialist Prime Minister, the Council voted to "enter into the fight at an opportune moment and support, with all their force, those who are opposed to a solution to the Royal question which would split the Belgian people."

Earlier, the Socialist Party Chairman told the Council: "If the King returned to reign, an unending strike wave would be unleashed."

Catholic Party circles meanwhile said that the Premier-designate, M. Paul Van Zeeland, who was to have visited the King at Fregny again today, put off the trip after receiving a message last night from Pirenne on his return from Geneva.

M. Van Zeeland on Saturday said he had run into new difficulties in his efforts to form a Government.

The Socialist resolution today was considered to have blocked anew any chance of a compromise between Leopold's return from exile or his outright abdication.

The Socialist resolution said the King's latest message, reiterating that a solution should be left to Parliament, was vague and not precise, and had no other object than to dim the vigilance of the adversaries of the King's return to the throne.

After his talk with Professor Pirenne, M. Spaak told the Council: "The resolution to be presented to Congress will be of a more fighting nature than this morning's speeches. Since this morning the situation has evolved in such a manner that we must take our responsibilities energetically." —Reuter.

employment; 4. for trade between Britain and the Soviet Union, the new democracies and China to avert a slump here, and 5. the defence of peace." — Associated Press.

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QUICK MARCH—AND MARK TIME

Events in China are again moving swiftly, but in Washington the brakes are being applied and the tendency is now to mark time till November elections are over. A former high Nationalist military officer is quoted as saying in Taipei, on his return from the mainland, that the Communists will use a million men, more than 200 planes, and an unknown number of Naval vessels, now off Dairen, for a direct invasion of Taiwan in May. Apparently he expects the invaders to walk across the Straits—certainly the Chinese don't have enough ships to transport a fraction of the number of men he mentioned.

This story was no doubt designed to ginger up the Americans, but though there have been important developments in Washington, no real change is likely until the elections in November, and not even then if the Democrats again win. Under cover of the McCarthy episode, the Republicans have managed to fasten their own foreign affairs expert, Mr. John Foster Dulles, on to Mr. Dean Acheson and the State Department. But while this development will almost certainly prevent any negotiations between the Kremlin in the months between now and the American elections, it will not lead to any major changes. Mr. Dulles made it quite clear his chief concern was to see that the cold war is not lost. He complained there is too much concern among the American public about a shooting war, and not enough about the disaster that could result from loss of the cold war. This latest move will, however, keep the bi-partisan policy going till the next elections, but with a Republican bias.

The uncovering of a powerful Communist fifth column in the Chinese Nationalist Defence Ministry, and the wholesale arrests that followed, probably seriously disrupted Communist plans to take over the island from within. Some of the ring-leaders are stated to have been working for the Communists for some years. Many Nationalist backers will take a long time to recover from the shock.

Now a Communist air force has come into the picture. It is unlikely that Russian pilots are actually flying these planes, and almost certain that they are Chinese trained at Chianassu. The Kremlin hardly wants to bring American or Japanese pilots into the war, but this would almost certainly follow if Russians were discovered to be employed in actual combat. And in a contest wholly between Chinese pilots—one group trained by the Americans during the last war, and the other by the Russians since the war—the Chinese on Taiwan should be able fully to hold their own. Their own future is now at stake, as the experience of the civilian air staff showed. They went to the mainland for indoctrination, and found they were not especially wanted now that Russian-trained air crews are available.

These and other events indicate the deepening of the conflict. Russian aid, and the introduction of Soviet advisers and technicians of great variety, pose serious problems for the Nationalists. During the week they led to a crash landing of this situation by the hands of the Nationalist air staff, and the duration of the present phase

BRITONS SHOULD FACE UP TO THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REDS

By David Sinclair

Scratch a Communist and you find a traitor.

Does that sound fantastic? Is it possible that there really is a fifth column at work in Britain? It's not so fantastic when you know the type of mind that runs the Communist Party. Let me introduce you to one Communist I know. He's married and has one child. The family lives in a fairly comfortable flat. He has been "victimised" for his part in industrial disputes during the war. He likes music and literature, and is the kind of man who can talk intelligently on almost any subject.

He believes although he has never been there, that Russia offers the nearest approach to heaven on earth. There are no forced labour camps in Russia, there is no brutality in the penal code, no secret or "rigged" trials. Industry is ruled on a trade union basis, with free discussion, and all questions solved in the pure light of reason and democracy. Even Comrade Stalin is subject to criticism from the humblest man in the State—though, of course, he'd be expected to show good grounds for his criticism.

Secret police exist only in the imagination of gullible readers of anti-Soviet newspapers in the Democracies.

Likeable but
Russia wants peace. Her entry into Poland, Latvia, and other "buffer" states was made at the request of people there, who wanted to be liberated. What we call satellite countries are in reality countries that have been set free. What we call aggression was in fact merely Papa Russia coming in, benevolently, to help. Because he honestly believes all that, he gave an illuminating answer to a question I asked: "What would you do if Russia invaded Britain?"

He said: "Russia wants peace. I know that Russia would never invade Britain, so there is no need to take the possibility into account. But if Churchill, or some other capitalist warmonger, drove the working classes of this country into a war with Russia, I would defend the interests of the working classes. If the Red Army came to liberate us, I would assist the Red Army."

A book has been published in London by Mrs. Hope Danby which gives a vivid picture of the domestic life and politics of the Manchu Emperors. It is a biography, but it is not the biography of Kang Hsi, or Chien Lung, or the Empress Dowager. It is the biography of their home, their garden palace outside Peking, the Yuan Ming Yuan or Garden of Perfect Brightness.

It is an old tradition of Chinese Emperors to crave to live in gardens. Chien Lung who lavished most effort on the Yuan Ming Yuan wrote: "Every Emperor and ruler, when he has returned from audience and has finished his public duties, must have a garden where he may stroll and look about and relax his heart. If he has a suitable place to do this, it will refresh his mind and regulate his emotions. But if not, he will become engrossed in sensual pleasures and lose his will-power."

The Yuan Ming Yuan was built and set out early in the eighteenth century. It was one of the wonders of the world. It was a vast park, full of gardens and lakes, pavilions and palaces. There was the Library of Jade and Amethyst. There were the Pavilion of the Rich Spring Hall of Self-Culture and Meditation, and the Hall of Good Nature, the Hall of Knowledge.

craft have been used solely for defence, and there have been no raids on Taiwan. But there is no guarantee that this immunity will last. Certainly anti-aircraft defence will be required sooner or later.

Meanwhile the spectacle of the Russian advisers living on the fat of the land, in the palaces of the great ones of the former International Settlement, is eloquent testimony to the ironic twist of history during the past few years. Travellers from Shanghai say they have taken over, or been accorded, all the privileges formerly enjoyed by the Wedemeyer Mission and the other American Advisory Groups. The Shanghai populace will not be overjoyed by this invasion. Nor will they be unimpressed. They have understood these things, and the changes and changes of political fortunes, ever since the British Shantung Viceroy influenced the entire situation in China without firing a shot.

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He is a likeable man, but if he were clapped in an internment camp for the rest of his life I'd feel much safer. For he is a traitor at heart.

How they work

All Communists are. They must be. For they owe allegiance, not to Britain, but to an ideal which they think is represented by Russia. Having accepted the thesis that Russia is the only pure and altruistic nation, it follows that in any conflict with Russia, their own country is bound to be wrong. Therefore, it is morally right to give Russia any information you can lay your hands on, since you know that any use she makes of it will be for the good of mankind.

Therefore no secret is safe with a Communist. No trust is sacred. No step of his should be regarded as his value. It will be aimed ultimately at creating a Britain bankrupt, hungry, torn by class hatred, and ripe for liberation by the Red Army.

It may be hard to believe that some of the Communists you know would be prepared to overthrow the British system of government by force; to plunge Britain into civil war, if necessary. Perhaps they're not fully aware of it themselves, but they are committed to it by their faith.

Ninety-one thousand people voted for the Communists in the General Election, and most Communist candidates lost their deposits; but that doesn't mean they have no power to injure Britain.

The Party doesn't want to win an election. It wants to win a war of infiltration into our sympathies and our secrets. And at that it's doing not so badly. The main attack is aimed at the workers.

As a first step the Communists have wormed their way into the shop stewards movement. This movement was designed to collect union dues and to keep the "shops" in order. But today it exercises power far beyond these duties.

It is local and national councils, in which Communists are prominent. Notorious Communist Party members run the key centre in London.

By virtue of their close association with the men, by appearing to be always out for the good of the workers and ready to stand up against the "bosses," the Communist shop stewards are rapidly acquiring an influence that threatens the unions' authority.

Probably not even a majority of shop stewards are Communists. But enough of them are to constitute a real danger to industrial peace, and therefore by fomenting unofficial strikes—to our national economy.

The second line of attack is to use honest people as tools in creating unrest. This can be done by supporting issues in which there is an element of justice on their side.

Thus the squatters campaign of 1946, starting as a spontaneous movement, with which many people sympathised, rapidly became a nationwide "grabbing" campaign, a threat to law and order. That was after the Communists began to "help".

Now the Communists have decided to assume the leadership of the campaign for higher wages. Again, many people will feel bound to support them, not because of Communist leanings, but because it is true that some wage scales are unjust.

Get them out

What will happen? The Communists will push the campaign beyond all reason. They will exaggerate the problem, create jealousy between one set of workers and another, start wage races which in the end must compel employers (private enterprise or State), to make a stand.

Then they will attempt to engineer a series of strikes. That is how Communists work. They are a creeping, insidious danger.

No matter how much you like any Communist you know, remember his creed, and keep him out of harm's way. If he's in a position of power, kick him out of it.

The truth is so simple that most of us are reluctant to accept it. But we must.

Communists are traitors. If we encourage them anywhere, in any way, we're finished.

Greeting to a tall queen

By WILLIAM BURROWS

The Queen of the only self-contained kingdom within the British Empire celebrated her 50th birthday recently.

She is Queen Salote Tupou, ruler of 30,000 people in the British-protected South Sea Islands of Tonga. She has received a message from the King of the United Kingdom.

"Please accept my best wishes for your continued happiness and health, joined with my earnest hope that you may be spared to guide the destinies of the people of Tonga in peace and prosperity."

Queen Salote Tupou—she wears the decoration of the GBE—succeeded her father, King George Tupou II, in 1918. She is 5ft. 2ins. tall, was educated in New Zealand and presides over her Privy Council in person.

From New Zealand she took back to her kingdom a passion for education. During her reign education has become compulsory and free in Tonga. She is proud of her link with the British Empire, resulting from a treaty of friendship between Britain and the self-governing kingdom of Tonga, negotiated in 1911.

The war brought home not only to Britain, but to the U.S., France, Australia, and the Netherlands—all of whom have island possessions in the Pacific—the vital importance of these outposts. For they played a great part in the overthrow of the Japanese invaders.

Well learned

The lesson was well learned, for many of these islands had been allowed to fall into acute economic depression. So the colonial Powers decided to "get together" on their Pacific possessions. The result was the setting up of the South Pacific Commission in 1947. The aim of this body was the promotion of social and economic advancement for the people of the South Seas.

On April 24 the first South Pacific Conference, representing the native peoples of 15 Pacific islands and the Kingdom of Tonga, will be held at Suva, capital of Fiji.

Here is No. 1 port of call in the South Pacific. Nandi airport, on the same island, is one of the stepping stones on the cross-Pacific air route. Planes from the U.S., Canada and Australia come to Suva.

Lautoka Bay, on the outskirts of the capital, is the flying-boat base. It is the changing point for New Zealand. Cable and wireless maintains a 24-hour service round the world in both directions.

Thus, you can see that Suva is a vital centre of the British Commonwealth from the point of view of communications.

The South Pacific Conference will be attended by delegates from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, U.S., France, and the Netherlands, all of whom administer territories and islands in this vast oceanic area.

Suva's chief problem at the moment is finding accommodation for the delegates. Suva has been growing so fast that housing is as much of a problem here as elsewhere in the world.

The Queen of Tonga will be represented at the conference by her son, Crown Prince Tungi.



Era worship.
"Malaya demands return of Earl Mountbatten and a division."
No, Myrtle, "and," not "or."

"Composers dies
"In shade of old apple tree."
Probably dinged on the head with an apple, just like old Newton.

Dentist in Britain's "free" health service makes £100 a day.
What the Socialists need is a mental, not a dental, surgeon.

You've got to hand it to America—always going one better. The other week in Fresno, California, a 14-year-old killed her twin. Now, in the same place, a four-year-old killed his twin. This competitive pressure being carried a stage further, but I won't go into that right now.

"Bagdad bomb."
Yes, quickly, before the darned thing goes off.

Flying saucer mystery solved—Newly-invented Russian robot is being trained to throw the discus. When the discs arrive in the States they naturally cause discussion.

Now that the Pickpockets' Union has lost out at the stamp counters of the Post Office, it is refreshing to find the ticket and paying booths of the Jersey Club parimutuel still sticking to the good old serum-down-and-devil-take-the-hip-pocket system.

Why if control barriers were introduced, it might even be possible for women to lay wagers—heaven forbid!

"UK may stop advertising on radio hook-ups."
Someone should warn the BBC about this.

La Paz seems to be the only peaceful thing about Bolivia these days.

"22 changes" in majors seen since war's end.
My Army friends tell me there's been just as many in captains and lieutenants.

A bachelor is a man who never makes the same mistake once.

Noblest Oblige.
"What other nation," asks French minister Leterneau, "but France would send troops to Indo-China?"

I can think of "two comrades marching hand in hand" who would doubtless oblige if called upon.

Look at that little blighter up the lamp-post!

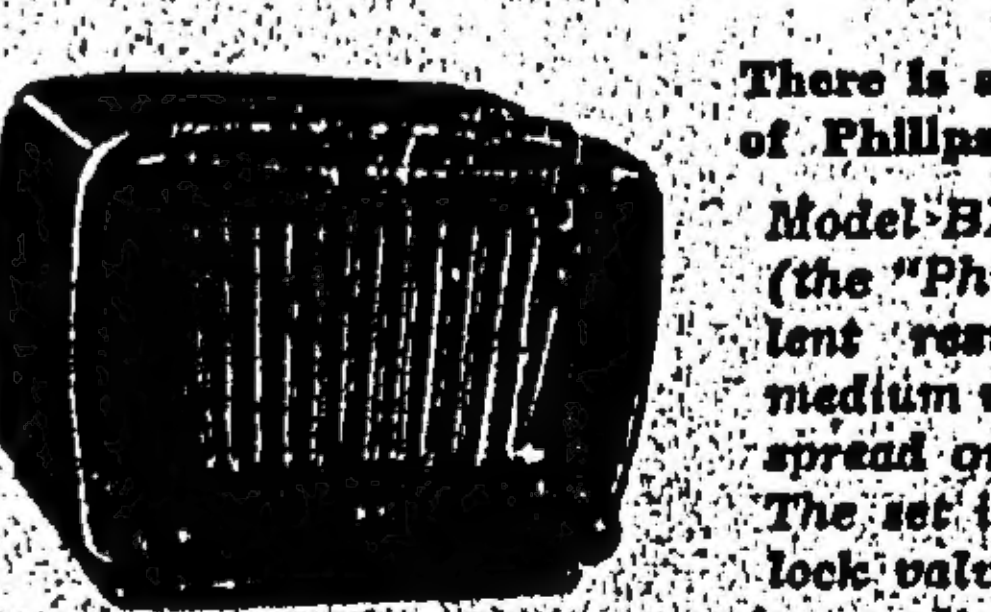


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LIAQUAT ALI'S APPEAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DELHI AGREEMENT

Karachi, April 10.

Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Premier, concluding an hour's Press conference today, appealed to the assembled local and foreign correspondents to help "in this noble task of creating peaceful conditions on both sides of the border."

He hoped that some of those newspapers which had been not too moderate in the past would look on things in a different light in future, he said.

"The lives of millions depend on the implementation of this agreement and it is the duty of everyone to serve humanity," he said.

TAIPEH'S PROTEST TO UN

Lake Success, April 10.

Nationalist China today protested to the United Nations against the alleged Russian action in sending a large number of military aircraft and personnel, including pilots and technicians, to aid the Chinese Communists.

A letter sent to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, by Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Nationalist China's permanent delegate, declared that Soviet military aid constitutes a clear act of aggression against the Nationalist Government of China.

It is also a violation of the United Nations Charter, he added.

"The Soviet planes and airmen are concentrated in Shanghai, Nanking and Hsuehchow, Dr. Tsiang stated.

"The entire Signal Corps of the Air Force of the Chinese Communists is set up and maintained by Soviet technicians," he asserted. Russian charges that the Nationalist Government is using American and Japanese pilots against the Communists are nothing but a smoke screen for Soviet military aid to the Chinese Communists, he said.

Dr. Tsiang asked that the protest should be circulated to all members of the United Nations.

In a letter to Senator Juan Carlos Muniz, of Brazil, the Chairman of the United Nations Interim Committee ("Little Assembly"), Dr. Tsiang urged that the United Nations should send a group of military observers to China to establish the truth of Nationalist China's claims that Russia is helping the Chinese Communists.

The Chinese Nationalist protest mentioned specifically an incident said to have occurred on April 2 near Hangchow Bay. Five fighters of a Soviet type attacked two Nationalist planes, it was alleged. One Nationalist fighter was lost with its pilot, while the other Nationalist pilot parachuted to safety, according to the protest.

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"Invasion of Hainan this year"

San Francisco, April 10. The Chinese Communists have reaffirmed their determination "to fulfill the task of eliminating remnant Kuomintang troops in Hainan this year," Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that this reaffirmation was made by top-ranking officers of the People's Liberation Army and Central South China Military Headquarters at a recent conference held in Hankow.

The conference discussed reports on the modernization of the Communist army, its work in dealing with Nationalist "remnants" and its participation in productive work, the Radio added.—Reuter.

MALAYA ELECTION DEMANDED

London, April 10.

The International Committee of the Congress of Peoples against Imperialism concluded a three-day conference in London tonight by passing a resolution urging the Government to fix a date for the holding of a general election in Malaya under the supervision of an International Commission.

An Indian, it suggested, should preside over the Commission.

Fifteen men, mostly from Africa, meeting under the chairmanship of a British Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Fenner Brockway, passed a number of resolutions.

The one on Malaya called upon the Government to fulfill its pledge of self-government, abrogate the emergency regulations now in force and grant a general amnesty to the rebels in Malaya.

"In order to assure the fairness of the election," added the resolution, "there must be a withdrawal of the British troops and of all external aid for either side."

It was decided to ask the Secretary for the Colonies to receive a deputation.

The International Committee protested against the conditions which it said the Government had attached to the return to Bechuanaland of Seretse Khama, chief-designate of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

The spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that the Ambassador, Mohammed Kamil Bey Abdul Rahim, made the complaint last Friday to Mr. George McGhee, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and African Affairs.

"The Ambassador told Mr. McGhee that he did not like the article, but he has made no formal protest," Mr. McDermott said.

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INDIA AGREES TO MEDIATOR

New Delhi, April 10.

The Government of India have informed the Security Council, through their representative at Lake Success, that they agree to the appointment of the Australian jurist, Sir Owen Dixon, as mediator in the Indian-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir.—Reuter.

The Kashmir issue was just touched upon.

Asked whether Pakistan's views on Kashmir had undergone any change he said, "I do not know but apart from their views undergoing a change, a particular approach may undergo a change—that is, there may be greater flexibility in approach."

"That may happen but I do not know how far it takes one."

A correspondent asked whether in view of the latest agreement with Pakistan, efforts would be made to resolve other disputes like Kashmir, evacuee property and canal waters by direct negotiations without the intervention of a third party like the Security Council.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Patel, said in reply, "The agreement is the first step towards reversing the process that has gone on."

Mr. Nehru, following this up said, "The United Nations comes in only in regard to Kashmir. The proposal for the appointment of a mediator by the Security Council is not intended to compel us to do anything but to help us to arrive at a mutual settlement. Let the United Nations help by all means."—Reuter.

Egypt complains to Washington

Washington, April 10.

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BAGDAD INCIDENT

Bagdad, April 10.

A hand grenade thrown in the main street here today slightly wounded four passers-by. The police immediately arrested three people, one of whom they described as an active Communist.—Reuter.

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London welcomes Bengal solution

London, April 10.

The agreement reached between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan on the treatment of minorities is very warmly welcomed in London, a Commonwealth Relations Office spokesman said today.

It is hoped that it will lead to a general improvement in the political climate between India and Pakistan in a way which will be of value both in international and Commonwealth problems.

The settlement of outstanding economic questions between Pakistan and the Indian Republic, for example, is of the most direct interest to the whole Commonwealth in its efforts to work out joint economic policies.

A continuation of the economic war in the sub-continent has always been regarded here as a dangerous long-term threat to the economic strength of the Commonwealth Powers in the world.

At the conference of Foreign Ministers last January in Colombo, the economic experts conducted their talks against the background of economic sanctions imposed by India and Pakistan on one another and the knowledge that the economic development of both countries was at present conditioned by their heavy military budget.

It is today's statements by Pandit Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan suggest, the Delhi agreement becomes the precursor of attempts at a wider economic and political understanding, all the partners of the Commonwealth will welcome it as a major step forward in Commonwealth solidarity.

In the international field, observers here hope that the Prime Ministers' meeting will create a favourable climate for the coming consideration in the Security Council of the United Nations of the appointment of a United Nations representative for Kashmir.

Acid test

A solution of the Kashmir dispute is generally regarded here as the acid test of long-term chances of co-operation and good-neighbourliness between India and Pakistan.

The Liberal "News Chronicle" said today that the minorities agreement has stemmed the tide of panic.

Expressing a hope that the Prime Ministers would be able to go on to deal with trade and other problems, the newspaper said that no one would pretend that friendship between India and Pakistan will be easily won.

"But the Prime Ministers have shown, at grave personal risk, that leadership can rise above mass emotions and the temptations of power, to cling to what is just and right."

"In that demonstration lies the hope of peace and prosperity—not only for Pakistan and India, but for the whole of South East Asia," the "Chronicle" said.

Religious tensions

The New York "Herald-Tribune" said today that if the agreement signed by the Prime Ministers can allay the religious tensions that have brought a great sub-continent to the brink of war, it will be one of the most significant documents of modern history.

In an editorial headed, "Key-stone of Asia," the newspaper said that religious divisions are not the only factors making for unrest in that region and that

Mass murder story premature

Lincoln, April 10.

The police today officially denied reports that traces of poison had been found on the bodies of two elderly men exhumed last week at the Lincolnshire village of Whapload Drove, where they are probing local suspicions of murder.

Organs from the bodies are now under examination at police laboratories at Nottingham.

Nation-wide excitement over reports that mass murder by poison might be uncovered drew a special statement from the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, Mr. R. H. Fooks, today.

"It is quite untrue that any positive results have as yet been obtained from the examination of the organs removed from the two bodies, nor is it likely that there will be any results, either positive or negative, for some time, possibly not for two weeks," he said.—Reuter.

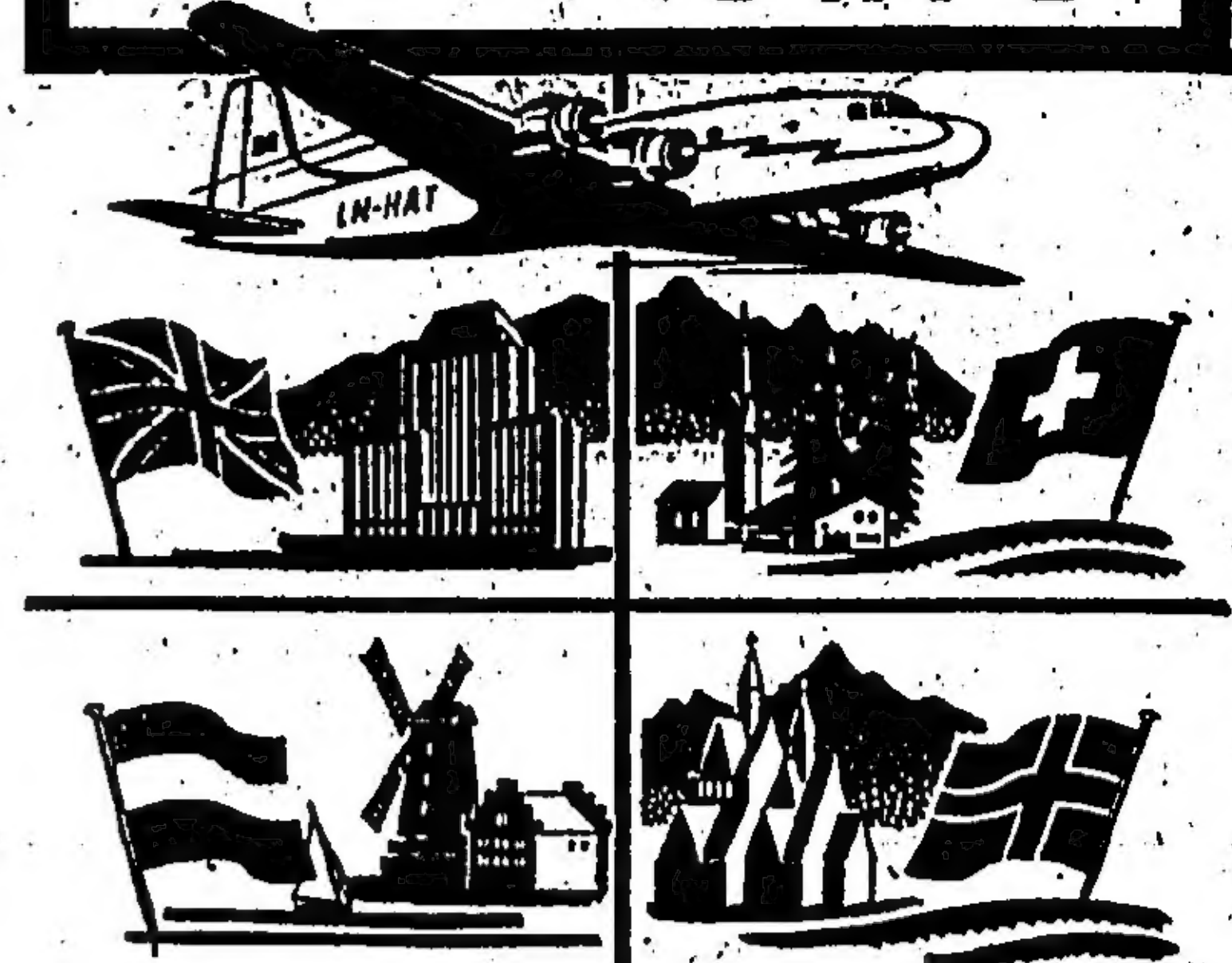
NEW PLANES FOR U.S. NAVY

Washington, April 10.

The United States Navy disclosed today that it had placed contracts totalling \$234,927,265 for new aeroplanes.

The contracts do not cover Government-furnished equipment such as armament, radio and radar instruments, which usually cost about half the total spent on a plane, the Navy added.—Reuter.

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Spring fashions from Paris

Three plate photograph shows some of the trends from the Paris spring collections. Many things contradict each other, but the slim mid-calf skirt appears constant. Left plate shows "Giroie," an afternoon ensemble by Robert Piguet. The dress is in black crepe with a deep "V" neck, and the double cape is in natural shantung. It is worn with a wide brimmed transparent black hat by Paulette. Centre plate shows "Gigolo," by Christian Dior—a tailored suit. The jacket is of tiny black and white checks in wool. The black woollen skirt continues up under the jacket to form a waistcoat with lapels corresponding to those of the jacket. The sleeves are cuffed, showing the black lining. The white pique blouse has a turned-down collar and is worn with a full blown taffeta bow. Right plate shows "Frac," a tailored suit by Robert Piguet. It has the features of a man's full evening dress. In Navy blue wool with a white pique blouse, it is worn with a white straw boater by Paulette. AP Photo.

Here's beauty that lasts

By CAROLYN EARLE

Give a girl or a woman a straight spine with a well-set head upon it, and she may not only qualify as a well-dressed person, but also as one who will hold her youthfulness beyond the average span.

A head held high keeps under-chin bulges and double-lings at bay, prevents deep creasing of the neck when the head is turned sideways, and detracts from a heavy look over the shoulders that is one sign of maturity.

Since we stopped crawling each of us, at one time or another, has been told that correct posture is the foundation of a lovely figure, but experts claim that 95 out of every 100 women have bad posture.

Here are some of the posture traps we can fall into if we do not hold our heads up:

A chronic stoop flattens the chest, so the lungs are cramped. Breathing is shallow and insufficient air is taken in. Consequently, the body doesn't get enough oxygen, and oxygen is needed to enrich the blood.

Good blood is needed for a healthy complexion, for strong muscles, to ward off infection, and to extract nourishment from food.

Incorrect stance also affects the diaphragm, so that it grows flabby and skimps the work it has to do. The most common causes of bad posture are carelessness and laziness, although occasionally ill-fitting garments produce similar ones.

Fortunately it is possible to break posture habits, though it takes time.

Here are suggestions: Stand up straight against a wall, head, shoulders, and hips touching it. Heels should be away from the wall. Relax shoulders and arms by pulling them down, though not taking them away from the surface. Now walk away, holding the position. Swing the arms naturally and easily.

Straight back

When sitting, place both feet squarely on the floor. Hips should balance the weight of the body.

be back far enough on the chair. Keep the back straight. And watch the height of your chair. If it's too low you're cramped in the middle, and if too high, your feet will dangle.

Another time to plan for posture is during sleeping hours. Don't prop yourself up on pillows so that the spine is hooped. Lie as near to straight as possible. Head level with feet is perfection.

Supposing, knowing all this, you still can't seem to get rid of the groove that often appears between the collar-bone and the top of the bustline. Or stooped shoulders defeat the most serious exercising.

To help remedy the stoop the use of a posture-pad is recommended. There is quite a simple way in which to make one of old newspapers.

Use large, double sheets of newspaper, and fold them doubled several times so that the finished stack measures about 16 inches by 6 inches wide.

Make sure that in stacking all edges are even, and pile them up to a height of one and a half inches.

Unless secured in some way the papers will slip, so bind firmly with adhesive tape about two inches from each end, and once round the middle.

Use pad correctly

To use the pad correctly, lie on the back, knees bent and feet flat on the floor at the most comfortable angle. Place the posture pad wrapped in a thin towel under the shoulders, and loosely clasp the fingers under the head.

RECIPES

ASPARAGUS AND EGG SALAD

Asparagus, hard-boiled eggs, radish roses, endives or lettuce. Prepare asparagus — scrape each stick, being careful not to break green top. Cut off tip to 1 1/2 in. of white end.

Wash well, tie into bundles with rubber bands or fine string. To 1 quart boiling water in saucepan add 2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon vinegar, and 1 teaspoon sugar. Stand bundles of asparagus in water, keeping tops above water level.

Place lid on, cook 20 to 25 minutes until tender. Lift carefully from water, remove rubber bands or string, pour small quantity melted margarine or butter over stalks, lightly sprinkle with pepper. Arrange on serving platter with hard-boiled eggs (halved lengthwise and yolks dusted with paprika), radish roses, and endive or lettuce. Chill before serving.

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Czech churchmen on trial



The trial began in Prague of 10 high dignitaries of the Catholic Church who are charged with treason, concealing arms and treasure, threatening Communists with excommunication and spying for the Vatican. Photo shows some of the Catholic defendants seated between prison warders at the opening of the trial. Front row (left to right) Abbot Augustin Machalka, Abbot Bohumil Vit Tajovsky, and Frantisek Silhan, provincial of the Jesuit Order in Czechoslovakia, seated between guards. A few other defendants are seen in background. (AP Photo).

SENATOR TELLS NAME OF MYSTERY WITNESS

Washington, April 10.

Senator Joseph McCarthy identified his mystery witness against Owen Lattimore to Senate investigators today and informed sources strongly indicated that he is the ex-Communist editor, Louis Budenz. While investigators said the name of the witness will not be made public until tomorrow, sources close to the inquiry told reporters they would not be far wrong if they went along with current speculation. Most speculation centres on Budenz.

The witness is expected to testify on Thursday at a public hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee which is investigating Senator McCarthy's charges that Mr. Lattimore is a Russian spy. Senator McCarthy has described his key witness as a former Red who will swear that Mr. Lattimore was a disciplined member of the Communist Party for many years.

Mr. Lattimore, the John Hopkins University professor and occasional State Department consultant on Far East Affairs, has testified under oath that he was never a Communist. He has denounced Senator McCarthy as a contemptible liar for making the accusation. Senator McCarthy turned over the name of his key witness to Mr. Edward P. Morgan, counsel

for a Senate investigating committee. Mr. Morgan said he plans to make the name public on Tuesday, after the man has been subpoenaed to appear before the committee. Senator McCarthy expects the witness to supply some of the necessary links in the chain of evidence in the Lattimore case. Meanwhile, Senator Lodge, Massachusetts Republican, has reached no final conclusions about any phase of the Lattimore investigation.

Secret session

Senator Lodge is one of five Senators studying the Lattimore case as well as Senator McCarthy's six-week-old charges that the State Department harbours Communists and Red sympathisers.

The Massachusetts Republican said in the Senate last Monday "All we can learn so far shows clearly that none of the current charges have been proved."

Senator Lodge told reporters: "My ultimate decision will wait until I have questioned a number of witnesses in executive (secret) session."

Then, he added: "When I do reach conclusions, I shall announce them myself." "No one," he said, "is authorized to speak for me."

"This was an obvious reference to Senator Tydings, Maryland Democrat, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Sub-committee conducting the inquiry. Senator Tydings had told Mr. Lattimore after hearing his formal denial before the group last Thursday that an FBI summary of his FBI loyalty file 'puts you completely, up to this moment at least, in the clear.'"

Senator's charge

Senator Brian McMahon (Democrat) today charged that the Republican Party and not the State Department wrote the sentence of death on Korea.

In a Senate speech, Senator McMahon attacked Senator William Knowland (Republican) for his implication that the State Department had been influenced by Owen Lattimore in its dealings with Korea.

Senator Knowland had sharply criticised the State Department note demanding that Korea get its economic house in order. Senator Knowland said Korea was fighting a warm war against Communist aggression and hundreds of raids had been made by Communist irregulars across her borders. If Korea were to balance

her budget she would have to cut her military expenditures. He added that the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, had already told Korea in effect that she must defend herself, when he said in his speech of January 12 that Korea was outside the U.S. defence perimeter. Senator McMahon said Senator Knowland's implication was unfortunate.

Lee defended

The Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, came today to the defence of Michael Lee, whose loyalty has been attacked by Senator George Malone.

Mr. Sawyer told a news conference that Mr. Lee, Manchurian-born naturalised citizen who heads the Far Eastern Division of the Department's Office of International Trade, is a loyal citizen and employee. He had studied the files on Mr. Lee from the Loyalty Review Board, the FBI and the immigration service and could find no reason to dismiss him.

Meanwhile the Supreme Court ruled indirectly today that Congress may compel witnesses to say whether they are Communists by refusing to intervene in the Communism in Hollywood investigation.

By a six to two vote, the court declined to hear the appeals of the Hollywood writers, Dalton Trumbo and John Howard Lawson, who were found guilty of contempt of Congress for refusing to tell the House Un-American Activities Committee if they were or ever had been Communists.

Trumbo and Lawson are under sentence to serve one year in gaol and pay US\$1,000 fines. The decision will control the cases of eight other Hollywood figures who took the same stand.

Meanwhile, the U.S. News and World Report said today: "Madame Chiang Kai-shek is supplying information on which are based some of the pro-Communist charges levelled against State Department officials and others."—United Press and Associated Press.

Britons in sea rescue

San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 10. Four survivors from a converted Catalina aircraft, which came down in the sea 40 miles off Jamaica, were picked up from a raft safely tonight by a United States destroyer.

They were the Assistant Managing Director of the Caribbean International Airlines, the plane, and his wife, and two Americans. They are being taken to Kingston, capital of Jamaica.

The amphibian aircraft was forced down on Sunday, Reuter.

JORDAN ELECTION

Amman, April 10.

Seven candidates for Hashemite Jordan's new Parliament, including the man who is expected to head the new Government, are unopposed in tomorrow's election.

More than 120 candidates are contesting the remaining 33 seats in the 40-man Parliament.

Parliament will consist of 20 members from the section formerly known as Trans-Jordan and 20 from Arab Palestine on the West Bank of the River Jordan.

The seven without opposition are all in former Trans-Jordan on the East bank. Among them is Said Pasha Mufit, Minister of Interior in the old Cabinet, who is expected to be the next Prime Minister.

All the candidates are running as independents with no clear-cut general issues. The Annadah Party, the only registered political organisation in Jordan, is not participating as a party but some of its members are running as independents.

Observers say the size of the turnout in Arab Palestine voting centres might indicate popular opinion regarding the possible formal union of Arab Palestine and Jordan. Jordan has not annexed Arab Palestine but has been administering its Government. A Jordan Government decree has made all residents of Arab Palestine, including refugees, citizens of Jordan and eligible to vote in the election.

Officials at Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm in the triangle area of Palestine expect a big turnout and no incidents tomorrow. Nablus was the scene of an anti-election demonstration on Friday. Jordan officials said that it was instigated by Communist elements and a number of reported Communists and others were arrested.

The new Parliament will meet on May 1 and then may take up the question of the formal union of Arab Palestine with the present Hashemite Jordan.

The election results are expected to be known on Wednesday night. Constitutional revisions are expected to follow the first session making the new Government responsible to Parliament instead of to King Abdullah, as at present.—Associated Press.

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RED PAPER TURNS THE BLIND EYE

London, April 10.

The Communist "Daily Worker" today carried on its front page a despatch from Peking headed, "There is No Famine in China."

The despatch came from the newspaper's special correspondent in Peking, Alan Winnington—believed to be the only correspondent in Communist China from a newspaper published outside the "Iron Curtain" countries.

The despatch denied recent reports of widespread famine in China, saying, "The Chinese Government has ample food for all needing help. The only problem, transport to deficiency areas, is being overcome rapidly."

Winnington said that the present food problem is mild compared with those in the past. "Among 40,000,000 population in areas where the harvest was devastated by the war last year, 7,000,000 need some assistance, but only 1,000,000 are dependent mainly on the Government for food until the spring harvest in two months' time," the correspondent wrote.

"They are old people, disabled, widows and children," he said. "Manchuria has already sent over 1,000,000 tons of grain Southward and more is available. 'All areas now have ample grain centrally—even a surplus—but the backward nature of China's transport, owing to its imperialist development, provides a complex task of distribution.' Winnington further said, 'The factors present would have led to unprecedented disaster if the Kuomintang were still governing.'"

Radio's claim

The despatch concluded, "Everyone here is confident of their ability to deal with the situation, which is less serious than formerly, and is 'contemptuous of the propaganda slanders in Hong Kong inventing non-existent catastrophes.'"

Grain supplies are reaching their destinations in East China, Central South China and other neighbouring areas as a result of tireless work of food transport headquarters and transport workers themselves. Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that East China had already received one-third of the grain ordered from surplus grain areas of Central South China, Manchuria, Szechuan, and other provinces. Grain is pouring in rapidly.

Supplies which had already reached their destinations had been sufficient to stabilise commodity prices and the reshuffling of grain supplies on this scale is making sure that no town or village would go short, it was added.—Reuter.

BERLIN TO JOIN REPUBLIC

Berlin, April 10.

The three Western occupation Powers will allow West Berlin to join the West German Republic as the 12th Federal State in the next few weeks, German and American officials indicated today.

Both the West German Parliament and the West Berlin City Assembly have formally gone on record in favour of such a union.

The American authorities have supported it since the formation of the West German Republic last September but strong French opposition and weaker British opposition has hitherto been encountered.

Opponents of the union with West Germany argued that nothing should be done to make impossible a returning of the city under four-Power control. Recent developments are understood to have convinced these opponents that no practical purpose can any longer be served by keeping West Berlin "in the air" indefinitely.

Actual process leading up to the union is likely to take the following form, reports indicated:

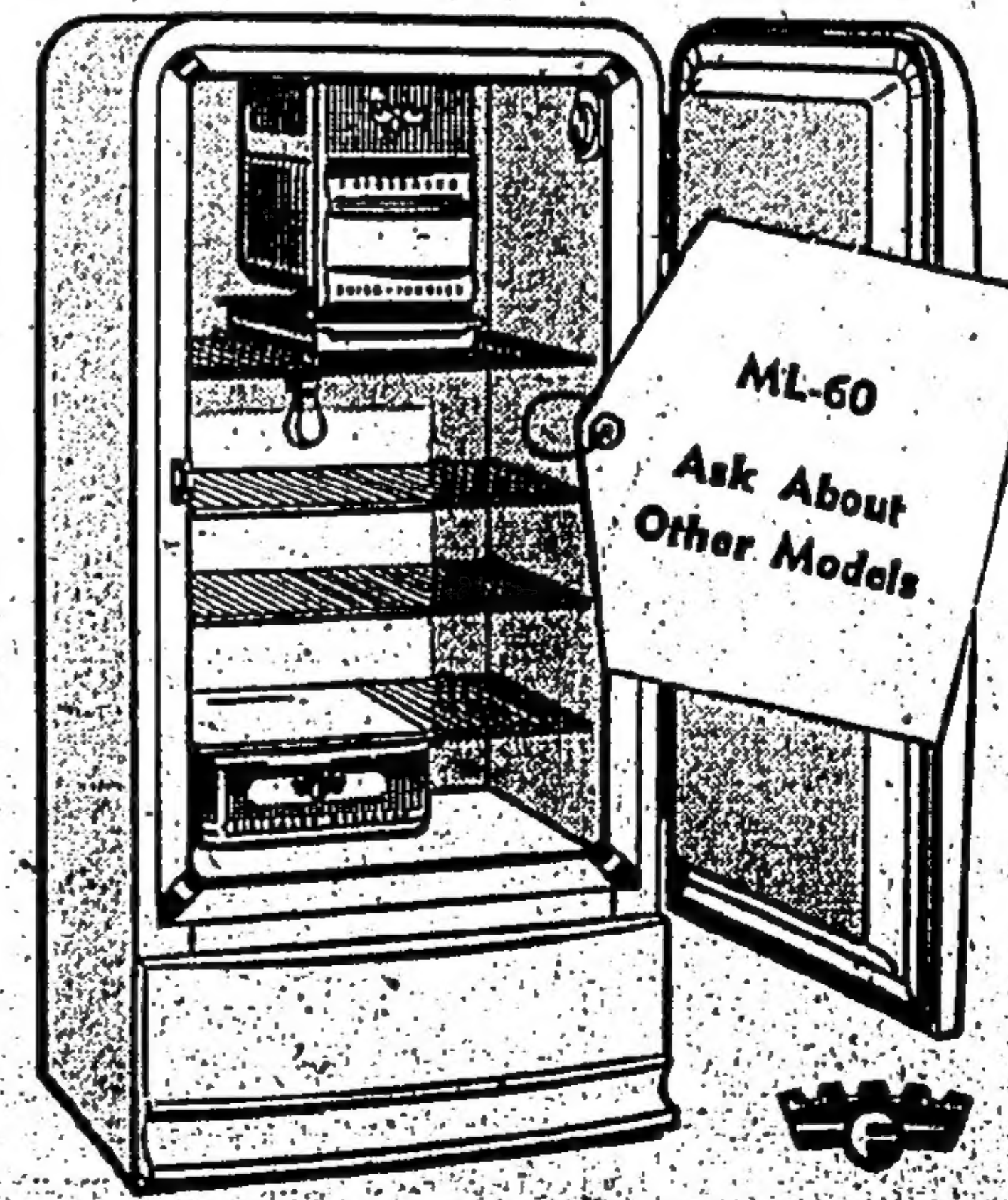
(1) The West Berlin Administration will issue a new appeal for free elections on a city-wide basis.

(2) The appeal will be accepted by the Western Commandants who will forward it to the Soviet Commandant.

(3) The Soviet Commandant will turn down the free election appeal, or couple its acceptance with conditions unacceptable to the West.

(4) The Western authorities will announce that owing to the Soviet non-co-operation, they have no further objection to a union of West Berlin with West Germany.—Reuter.

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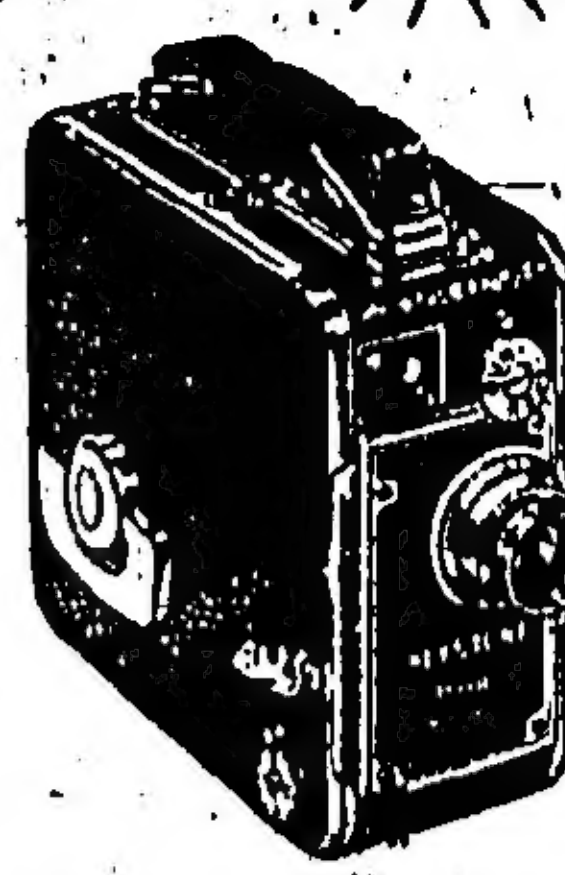
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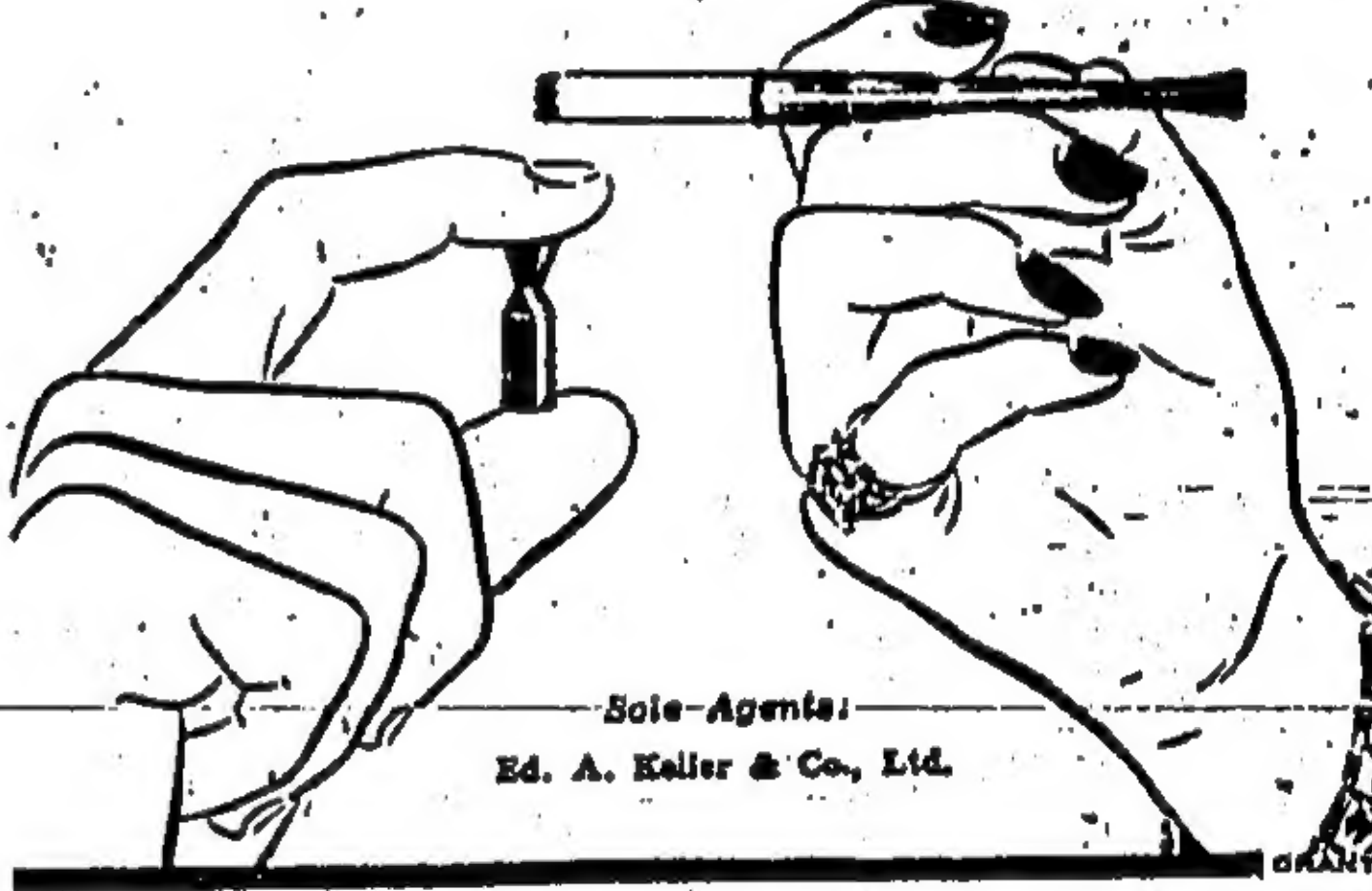
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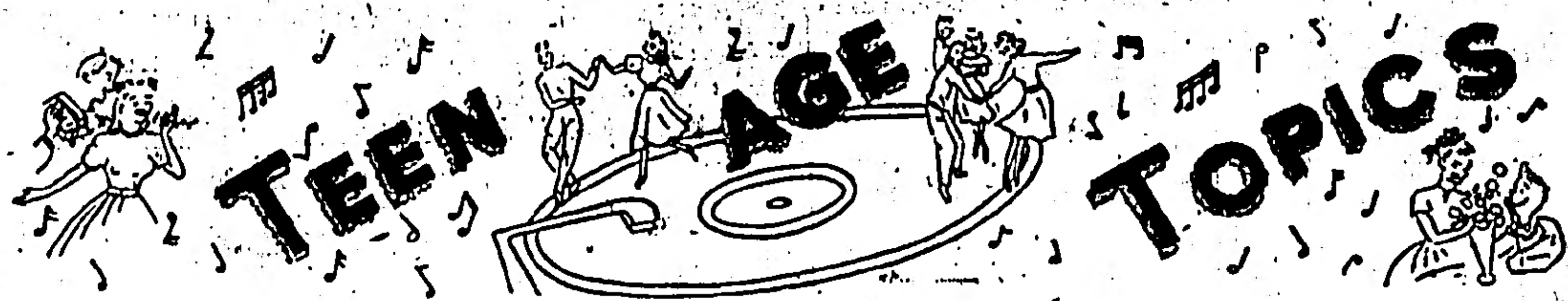
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BETWEEN OURSELVES

By BETTY BETZ



Have you ever attended a "poptail" party? I made
my first one recently which was put on by
Wally Wanger, to celebrate the opening of
his new children's dramatic arts and dancing
school.

"Poptails" are simply non-alcoholic drinks, which
is a cute gag for any of you who happen to
be going through your mental filing system
in search of a new name for your gang's get-
togethers.

Many of the kids who attended
were daughters and sons of
Broadway celebrities who posed
prettily while photographers' flash
bulbs popped.

There was one continuous floor
show put on by the kids who are
probably the potential acrobats,
dancers, singers, and actors of
tomorrow's Broadway shows.
Even little Waldo Wanger, who's
only 14-months-old, went into a
whirling waltz routine, but had
to be held up by her daddy.

Pretty 10-year-old Mary Lee
Deering, with her hair tied in
pink ribbons, did a toe dance,
and the five energetic Guglielmo
brothers did so many somer-
saits and round off back flip
flops that I was dizzy watching
them. There were lots of stage
struck "mommas" on hand, too,
who were always busy combing
hair, tying shoe laces, and giving
pep talks to their talented off-
spring.

But the guest who impressed
me most of all was a little seven-

year-old boy with a crew cut who
merely stood on the sidelines,
quietly munching jelly beans and
watching the other kids perform.
I walked up to him, offered him
some chocolate cookies and
drummed up a conversation. He
said his name was Owen Gross-
blatt. Since all of the kids were
loaded with talent, I asked Owen
what he did.

"Plenty of things," he said, so
I asked what some of his tricks
were.

"I can climb trees, jump off a
bridge as high as a roof, and
stand on my head!" he answered
proudly. In Owen's eyes these
made the rest of the talented
guests look like a bunch of pikers.
Well, at least Owen is on the
right track, for he wants to be a
cowboy like Hopalong Cassidy
when he grows up!

I received a note yesterday
from an aunt mamma criticizing
me for publishing a cartoon of
singer Peggy Lee's five year old
daughter, Mickey, holding a
cocktail. Please, madame! The
drink was a "Shirley Temple
cocktail" which is non-alcoholic
and contains only ginger ale and
fruit juice, so I certainly am not
encouraging young people to
adopt the martini habit.

Say, you girls had better stand
by for your crush, Monty Clift...
I saw a preview of "The Helms"
and wonder whether you'll go
for him all dressed up like a 19th
century fox complete with side-
burns and white kid gloves.
Monty, as the fortune hunter,
falls in love with a rich girl who's
on the verge of becoming an old
maid. But the ending wasn't
very convincing to me. How on
earth could a young or old maid
ever refuse a marriage proposal
from Montgomery Clift?

Tail, dark and lovely Sandra
Ritter dropped over the other
day for an Angel Club party and
told us how she was unexpectedly
elected "Miss Seventeen" during
a visit to London and Paris with
her parents. The photographers
spotted her at the Ascot races
wearing a flowered ballerina
dress on top of a half a dozen
petticoats, but what intrigued
them most of all was her trans-
parent plastic "hauberg." From
that time on, Sandra was "Miss
Seventeen" wherever she went,
and quite a celebrity, too!

"Oh, it was so exciting! I met
the Duke of Windsor, water-
skied with Jennifer Jones, and
did a jivebump with the youngest
brother of Louis Jordan. I met
the Maharajah of Palampur who
promised to meet me with a
parade of elephants if I ever
visit India. I had lunch with
Clifton Webb, and even met Kerol
Fulton."

Sandra Ritter, who's only 17,
has been a model for several
years. She's also a dancer and
singer. She's got a lot of talent,
and she's got a lot of fun.

Platter chatter

The tunesmiths are turning out
an improved set of ballads as
compared with those of the past
two or three years, but in spite of
this, many of the old tunes are
among today's favorites.

Thus two of Doris Day's best
current efforts are the quarter-
century-old Canadian Capers and
I'll String Along With You.
Similarly, Margaret Whiting's
best current record, Sorry, is an
old tune written many years ago
by her father.

Patti Page's sensational number
With My Eyes Wide Open I'm
Dreaming is another revival of
an old favourite.
Vic Damone's You're Breaking
My Heart is, as I have pointed
out before, adapted from Leon
Cavallo's Mattinata. The classic
versions available are by Gigli
and on the cheaper Varsity (\$3.50)
label by Jan Peerce, Metropolitan.

Opera tenor. This is backed by
Because.

There's No Tomorrow and Will
You Remember are both based on
O Sole Mio.

Eddy Howard's smooth dance-
voiced Put Your Arms Around Me
Honey is also an old song.
The finest from Steve Gibson
and his Red Caps are the oldies
Danny Boy and I Love You. The
latter supported by the ancient
Blueberry Hill.

John Laurence couples two old
Spanish tunes on one record Be
Mine and When You're in Love.
The first is easily recognised as
La Paloma and the second is La
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capable young man on the field,
but also as an immensely per-
sonable one. Junior Remedios is
indeed a sportsman in every sense
of the word.

Until recently, softball was a
favourite sport with Junior. But
with repeated successes achieved
on the hockey field, Junior is at
present spending as much time
with his stick as with a bat.

He is an important figure in the
Braves' softball team in which he
carries great responsibility as
short-stop. His lightning throw
from the "hot corner" to first base
has frustrated many an other-
wise safe hit. Many are backing
him to be nominated as "the
most valuable player" of the
year.

Junior became prominent in
hockey circles by his rapid rise
as a centre-half star in Recreco's
junior team in the local league,
and it can be said without ques-
tion that he has been an impor-

tant factor behind his team's rise
from the lower part of the league.

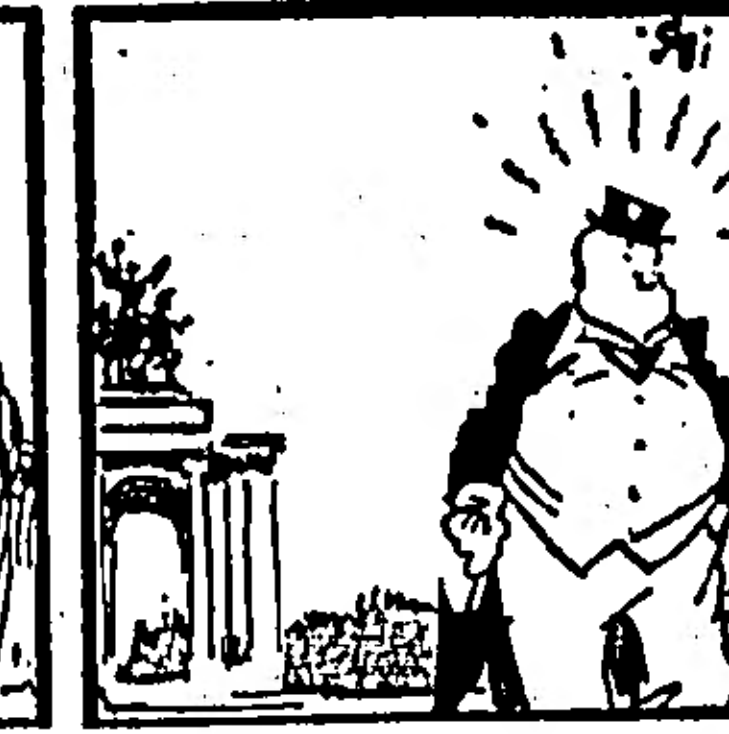
Perhaps the biggest tribute paid
to this young sportsman in
hockey was when Junior was
selected as a "possible" to repre-
sent Hong Kong in the recent
hockey interport against Macao.
Junior didn't quite make the
grade but he was chosen without
hesitation when the Rest of the
Colony team was selected.

Hockey writers predict that
next year, with added experience,
our friend will find his place
among the Colony's best.

Badminton and cricket are
secondary games to Junior.
Nevertheless, he has impressed
with his showings. He turned
out for the Recreco second divi-
sion cricket team this season and
in badminton enjoyed some measure
of success in the schoolboys
championships.

Junior is now in his matric
year in La Salle College. He has
not yet decided what he wants to
do when he leaves school. But
if he can tackle his after-school
problems in the same manner and
with the skill he applies to his
games, then Junior should have
little to worry about regarding
his future.

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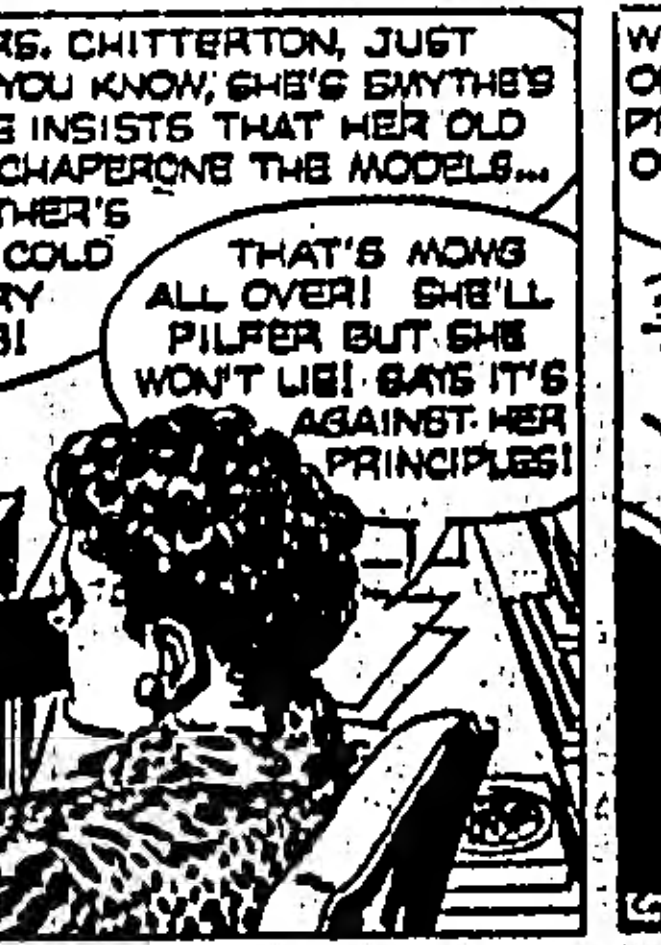
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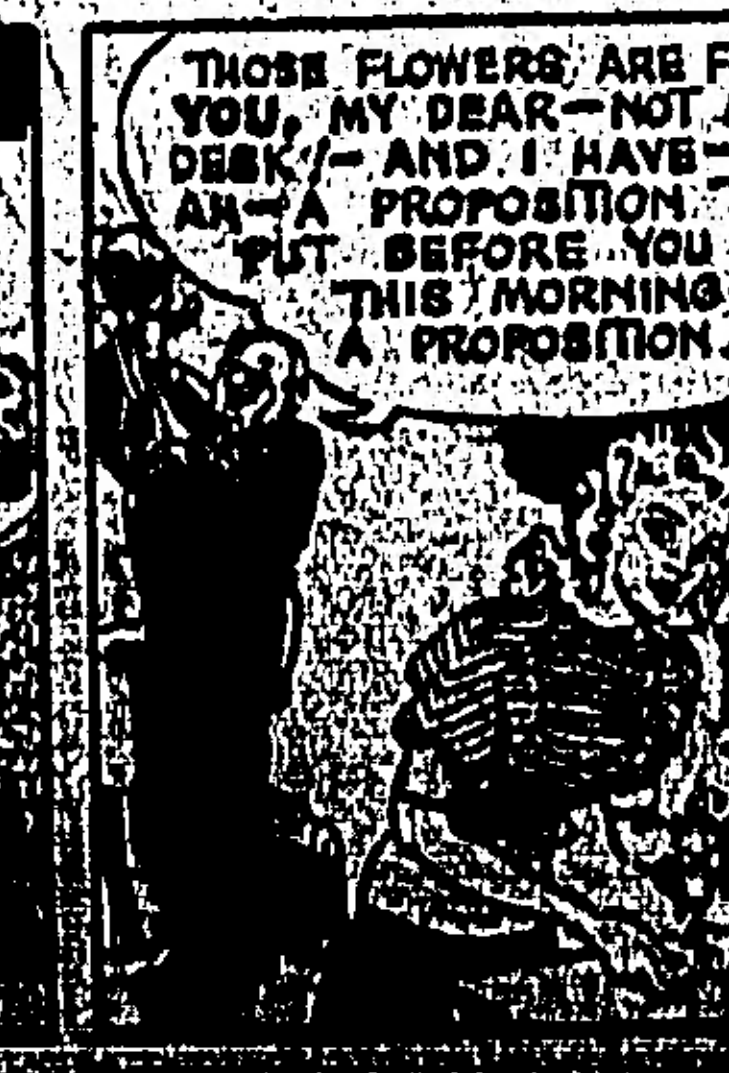


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"FAKHOT"	Keelung, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe		
"TSINAN"	Kobe	10 a.m.	13th Apr.
"YCHOH"	Singapore & Djakarta	5 p.m.	13th Apr.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	noon	14th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	18th Apr.
"ANIHU"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan		
"SIANSI"	Bangkok	3 p.m.	19th Apr.

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"HUPEH"	Tientsin	7 a.m.	12th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	10 a.m.	14th Apr.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin & Tsingtau	17th Apr.	
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"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Melbourne		15th May
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"CHANGTE"	Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns & Manila		23rd Apr.
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SEDITIONOUS "COMICS" FLOODING SINGAPORE

Singapore, April 10: Highly-seditious Communist literature, aimed at rousing Chinese school children against the British and Americans, is pouring into Singapore and the Malay Federation and is openly sold in bookshops and stalls. In the form of comic strips, the booklets are in simple language and cheap. They are easily understood by the semi-literate and children of 12.

Robbers collected the rent

A man who dropped in at a house in Pak Tin Village, Shamshuipo, to pay rent to a landlord in January, had the money taken away when robbers entered the house during his visit.

One of the alleged robbers, Kong Hok-siu, stood trial yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before a jury of five men and two women.

Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Leslie, told the jury that on the evening of January 2, five men entered the house in question and tied up the occupants with wire, after which they proceeded to take in all HK\$660, a fountain pen, a propelling pencil and a cigarette lighter.

After evidence for the prosecution was given, the accused in his own defence denied the allegations against him from the witness stand.

Boy sentenced for robbery

A 16-year-old boy was sentenced to eight strokes of the cane and bound over in \$250 for a year by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday. He was charged with stealing a jacket, HK\$1,004 in cash and a wrist watch from Yung Kuen-lip of 309, Queen's Road, Central second floor on April 11.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charges but said that he had taken only \$4 in cash. He added that he stayed on the first floor at the above address and had come to Hong Kong to obtain schooling.

Complainant said that she had left two \$300 notes, a \$100 bill and five "cents" in a coat hanging in her room.

On April 11 she discovered that only \$150 was in the coat and reported the matter to the Police. After inquiries defendant was arrested and admitted the theft.

On a charge of piracy, Mok Hoi, fish dealer of 62 Tai Sun Street, Cheung Chau Island, was remanded three days by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant, with others not in custody, was alleged to have robbed members of the crew of the motor junk, San K'ing Sing, of a number of gold bars on the high seas on January 6 this year.

Some of them deal with the New Order in China, the others are vicious works which dub the British and Americans evil and decadent and the Russians heroes.

They call on Chinese to "kick out" the British and Americans, and extol the "might and glory" of Mao Tse-tung and Soviet Russia.

One cartoon series shows an American sailor kicking a pedicab rickshaw to death. The former U.S. Consul-General in Mukden, Angus Ward, is depicted being booed out of China by a Communist soldier.

A British-American "spy ring" labelled by the Reds "T.S." is depicted as captured by two Red soldiers. They are dragging the "spies" out of a pit filled with dollar bills, arms and posters bearing the skull and crossbones. The cartoons also hit at Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists. They portray Nationalist officers dining and winning with beautiful women while their men are being routed on the battlefield. One shows a Nationalist air force officer grinning over his lost while his concubine sits on a pile of dollar bills.

Red supermen

Always Mao Tse-tung's forces are featured as supermen and heroes, conquering against tremendous odds, repulsing tanks, planes and artillery with rifles and bayonets. Booksellers report that sales have been brisk. They do not regard them as harmful but admit they do not read all the books they sell.

Printed in Red Shanghai, these propaganda booklets, which aim at the thousands of Chinese in Singapore and Malaya, are imported from Hong Kong.

They have been trickling in for months, but have grown to a flood during the first three months of this year. In 1949 1,400,000 of these books valued at \$121,000 were imported into Singapore and Malaya. During January, the peak period, 75,000 arrived. Singapore police have begun to take action. Working under emergency regulations they are seizing the seditious literature from shops and stalls.

No censorship

There is no censorship in Singapore and the chief of the CID says "Unless it is absolutely necessary we do not want to apply for full censorship."

Under the colony's laws and the emergency regulations the Government and the police have the power to prohibit seditious or undesirable publications. But the laws apply only to individual books. Each one has to be considered separately, he said. Authorities are working out a plan to deal with this dangerous trash which might nullify the work of the security forces against the Communist terrorists. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, E.C.S. Adkins, through whose department police act when dealing with printed matter in Chinese, intends setting up a translation bureau, to work in conjunction with his department. All Chinese publications will be carefully examined and instructions passed to police who will carry out wholesale seizures on arrival at the docks.—Associated Press.

BRIDGES GETS SEVEN YEARS

Sun Francisco, April 10: Federal Judge George Harris today sentenced Harry Bridges to two years in prison for conspiracy and five years for perjury and denied defence motions for arrest of judgment, new trial and probation. The sentences are to run concurrently. Bridges was not fined.

In sentencing the leader of 75,000 West Coast longshoremen, the judge said he was not imposing a fine because this would have to be paid by the rank and file of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Henry Schmidt, Bridges' aide and co-defendant, was sentenced to two years for conspiracy and two years for aiding and abetting perjury. Both sentences to be served at the same time.

J. R. Robertson, the third defendant, also received two years for conspiracy and two for aiding and abetting perjury. The sentences to run concurrently.—United Press.

Stole to buy food for his sick mother

A plea that he stole to obtain money to buy food and medicine for his ailing mother, who was in hospital, was made by Leung Lam, a 19-year-old apprentice carpenter, before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Leung was charged with breaking into 18, Tung Shan Terrace on April 3 and stealing an Underwood typewriter, valued at HK\$120, from Ho Li-po. He was also charged with breaking into the same house on March 28 and stealing a Hoover radio, valued at HK\$90. He was sentenced to a total of six months.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges but asked for leniency as his aged mother was ill in hospital.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. G. Laurel said that the thefts were reported to the Police by Ho and, after inquiries, a marine hawkie admitted buying one of the articles. He led the Police to Wanchai, defendant admitted his guilt.

Cheung Chau Island arrests

The police have arrested two men and a woman at Cheung Chau Island in connection with a month-old murder and robbery left the island, said the "New Life Evening Post" yesterday. The police would not comment on the report.

The newspaper said that on March 6, a chartered motor-junk from Taiwan—was raided by a gang of robbers who escaped with some 500 taels of gold.

During the raid, it is alleged, they shot and killed one person on board the junk and wounded two others.

The report added that the police recovered part of the loot.

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M.K.T. P.M.	
12.10—Broadcast for Schools—Geography—Khyber Pass by Wynford Thomas. (HUTS)	
12.20—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	
12.32—Lecuna Cuban Boys.	
12.45—"From the Films."	
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.	
1.25—Interlude.	
1.30—London Studio Melodies—The London Light Orchestra. (HUTS)	
2.00—Class-Dance. (Relay from the West Lounge, Y.M.C.A. Kowloon)	
2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	
2.00—"Take it from Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley & Jimmy Edwards. (London Relay)	
2.30—Songs by Ennio Leti.	
2.40—"The Terry Lucifio Quartet. (Studio)	
2.50—"Lucky Dip"—Variety Request Programme—Presented by Christine Shure. (Studio)	
3.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)	
3.15—"Orchestra of the Week"—London Symphony Orchestra with Heifetz (Viola)	
3.45—"Generally Speaking"—When Clippa Sailed the Sea—by Sir Frederick White. (London Relay)	
4.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)	
4.10—Weather Report.	
4.15—"Services Spotlight"—A Weekly Variety Show by the Forces for the Forces. (Relay from the West Lounge, Y.M.C.A. Kowloon)	
10.00—"French Cabaret"	
10.05—Recital by Heifetz (Viola) and Emanuel Jay (Piano).	
10.45—Soft Lullaby and Sweet Music.	
11.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)	
11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)	
11.30—Close Down.	

Rediffusion

A.M.	
7.00—Up With The Sun.	
7.15—Setting Up. (Edgemoor)	
7.30—Musical Club.	
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.	
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.	
8.15—Random Rhythm.	
8.45—A Programme for Women.	
9.00—Morning Music.	
9.30—Wednesday's Favourite Classics.	
10.30—Morning Melody.	

P.M.	
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.	
12.10—H.K. School Broadcast.	
12.22—"Variety Handicap"	
1.00—Hawaiian Music.	
1.15—News.	
1.30—"London Studio Concert"	
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.	
2.05—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.	
4.15—Today's Choice.	
4.30—Vocally Yours.	
5.00—Music Masters.	
5.15—Children's Corner.	
5.30—Harmony Hall.	
5.45—Radio Headlines.	
6.00—The Hot Club.	
6.30—"The Jumpin' Jacks."	
6.45—Do You Remember?	
7.00—Romantic Circle.	
7.15—Candlelight and Silver.	
8.00—D.B.C. News.	
8.10—Local News.	
8.15—The Sweetwood Serenaders.	
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.	
9.00—"The Stars Sing."	
9.15—Theme That Refreshes.	
9.30—Radio Stage.	
10.00—H.K. News.	
10.10—Local News.	
10.15—Relay.	
10.30—Music of Manhattan.	
11.20—A Date with Dreamland.	
11.45—Stardust.	
12.00—Close Down.	

Charges of embezzlement of \$663.55 and of stealing six pigs against Lee Yuek-chuen, salesman, were dismissed by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday when he found no case for defendant to answer.

Prosecution alleged that defendant on June 9, 1948, while in the employ of the Yu Sang Cheong firm, pig dealers, 97 Tung Choi Street, stole the money, proceeds of the sale of six pigs.

Mr. Y.H. Chan represented defendant.

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San Francisco, April 10.
Industrial news ranging from the establishment of a State-operated motor car transport company in Peking to the revival of the sugar trade in Kwangtung was given in a Chinese Communist broadcast heard here tonight. The motor car transport company which has just been set up will serve to unify China's motor transport for the first time, the broadcast said.

The company has, at the moment, 10 branches in North China covering a network of nearly 5,000 miles of motor routes. Vehicles of the company are serving travellers as well as contributing to the smooth interflow of goods between city and countryside, the broadcast added.

The broadcast also said that the sugar industry of Kwangtung Province is showing signs of recovering from the low ebb to which it fell during the Kuomintang days.

Only two out of five modern sugar refineries are at present functioning in the Province, but these are producing twice as much as in the past, it is claimed.

The other three refineries are not working because parts were removed or wrecked by the Japanese during their occupation of the Province. The broadcast said that most of the sugar output in Kwangtung is still from the crude mills of the villagers, but more refineries will be built.

No middle-men

It also reported the elimination of "middle-men" in the industry, and that today co-operatives of sugar cane growers sell their product directly to the refineries. In the past the middle-men stepped in and pocketed half of the price of the cane, the broadcast added.

News was also given of the rubber shoe industry in Tientsin. It is said that factories in that city are busily working to fulfil Army orders for 1,000,000 pairs of rubber shoes.

The broadcast further reported that State-owned enterprises in Manchuria have set during the first quarter of this year.

Coal output was six per cent above the target, petrol 12 per cent, electricity 81 per cent, bicycles 11 per cent, cement 48 per cent, paper 22 per cent, conveyor belts 12 per cent, motorcar tyres 32 per cent, and cotton fabric 17 per cent.

New stores

Peking Radio reported that the All-China Department Stores had established its head office in the Chinese Communist capital. This was regarded as marking a new stage in the organization of State trading.

The Radio said that this office now unifies State and public shops in every province, city and many county towns which form a network supplying industrial goods to cities and villages throughout China.

Central management and planning of State trade would have a profound effect on the nation's economy, the broadcast maintained.

It explained that peasants are the main customers of State shops. With their increased purchasing power, following land reform, peasants are now able to buy increasing quantities of cloth, farming equipment, cups, utensils, soap, matches, sugar and even writing materials through their co-operative organizations.

These co-operatives cover 80 per cent of the business done by State-owned shops in Manchuria last year.

"State trading, especially retail dealing, has played an important part in calling back currency," the Radio said. "For example, several hundred department stores and retail shops in Shanghai alone called back an average of 10,000,000,000 dollars (in Communist currency) daily in March. This is a further means by which the Government ensures the maintenance of a steady market."—Reuter.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 10.
Buying enthusiasm centred in a few selected issues in the stock market today but did not spread to the remainder of the list. Gains among popular issues ran to more than three points while losses were confined to two points or less among the losers. For the most part, however, changes were fractional. Transfers were 2,070,000 shares.

Among the gainers were Benguet Consolidated, up 1/2 at 1-3/4, Texas Company, American Woolen, Dow Chemical, Union Pacific, Mack Trucks, Emerson Radio.

Stumblers included Nickel Plate, Warner Brothers, Allied Chemical.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 76.18; 20 Industrials 212.20; 15 Rails 50.41; 10 Utilities 43.30.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22 1/2
Alaska Juneau 3 1/2
American Can 117 1/2
Smelting 52 1/2
Telephone 155 1/2
Tobacco 70
Waterworks 11 1/2

Anaconda Copper 29 1/2
Aviation Corp. 7 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2
Barnsdall 51 1/2
Bendix Aviation 42 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 35 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 27 1/2
Borden Co. 50 1/2
Canadian Pacific 15 1/2
J. I. Case 42 1/2
Chrysler 68
Colgate 45 1/2
Commercial Solvent 17 1/2
Corn Products 66 1/2
Du Pont 73
Eastman Kodak 48 1/2
General Electric 46 1/2
Motors 79 1/2
Goodrich 67 1/2
Goodyear 54
Homestead Mining 43 1/2
International Harvester 27 1/2
Paper 39
Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2

Johns Manville 40
Kennecott Copper 51 1/2
Montgomery Ward 55 1/2
National Distillers 22 1/2
Lead 41
New York Central 14 1/2
Packard Motors 3 1/2
Pan American Airways 10
Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2
Radio Corp. 10 1/2
Remington-Rand 12 1/2
Republic Steel 26 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2
Schenley 30 1/2
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Shell Oil 39 1/2
Socony Vacuum 17 1/2
Southern Pacific 53 1/2
Standard Brands 23 1/2
Oil of N. J. 68 1/2
Oil of N. J. 71 1/2

Studebaker 30 1/2
Union Bag 29 1/2
Carbide 45 1/2
US Rubber 43 1/2
Steel 32
Linos 10 1/2
Westinghouse 34 1/2
Youngtown Sheet & Tube 81 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2
Rail bonds continued upward.

Among curb gainers were Royalite, Clatco Neon, Raytheon, Sonotone.—Associated Press.

BANK DEPOSITS IN RED CHINA

San Francisco, April 10.
For the first time in 10 years people in the Chinese Communist capital of Peking are depositing money freely in banks on current account, according to a Communist broadcast tonight.

During the past eight days, the Peking People's Bank reported an increase in current accounts of 2.1 million Communist dollars.

Deposit accounts are also showing marked increases.

In 1949 deposits were calculated in terms of parity units valued in grain, cloth and coal. Banks allowed people to withdraw their money after a period on the basis of currency valuation of parity units. Now, however, the practice of depositing money against such units is declining, the broadcast said.—Reuter.

Money Market

U.S. dollars opened yesterday at HK\$8.07 1/2, nearly 10 points below the closing rate on Thursday last. In the course of the day the rate dropped to \$8.04 1/2 but recovered slightly to \$8.05 at the close.

TT was put through from HK\$8.08 1/2 to \$8.09 1/2.

Sterling was down 10 cents as compared with last Thursday. It was quoted at HK\$15.20.

Australian pounds also dropped. Opening at HK\$12.60 as compared with \$12.80 on Thursday, the closing rate was \$12.55.

Piastres were unchanged at HK\$11 a 100 nominal.

Ticals were down 50 cents as compared with Thursday, and were quoted yesterday at \$29.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders dropped to less than half their value on Thursday when the closing rate was HK\$8.60 a 100. Yesterday they closed at \$3 a 100, after opening at \$5.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

First quality	Average price	Second quality	Average price
Snapper	\$1.60	\$1.20	
White Pomfret (large)	2.11	2.30	
Macco Sole (large)	1.40	1.67	
(small)	1.10	.70	
Head Grunt	1.18	1.10	
Conger Pike	1.16	1.19	
Hair Tail	1.23	.99	

CROP FORECAST

Washington, April 10.
A 1950 winter wheat crop of 763,590,000 bushels was forecast by the U.S. Agriculture Department today.

This estimate is 121,068,000 bushels less than the Department's estimate on December 20, and compares with last year's winter wheat crop of 884,658,000 bushels.—Associated Press.

London, April 10.
The London Stock Exchange remained closed on the Easter Monday holiday.—Associated Press.

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"BENATTOW"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	20th Apr.
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"BENCRAUCHAN"	do	10th June
"BENWYVIE"	Genoa, Avonmouth, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	30th Apr.
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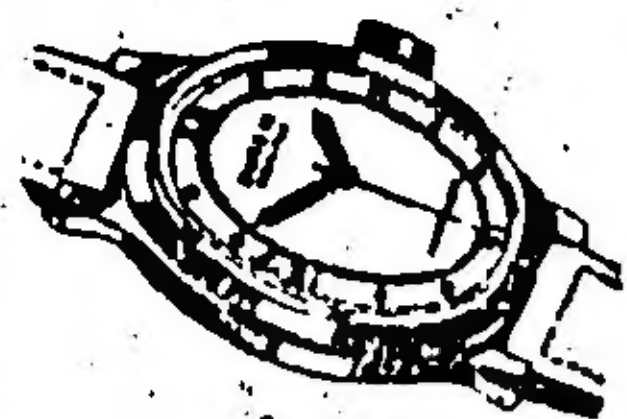
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Four Pakistan Davis Cup tennis players, Ahmad, Alam, Islam and Kikhar, who have recently played First Round matches against the Philippine representatives in Manila, will be arriving here today.

Arrangements have been made for the Pakistan players to take part in exhibition matches against local stars tomorrow and Friday at the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground.

K.T. Walden
wins Shanghai
Visitors Cup

The golf competition for the Shanghai Visitors Cup on Sunday last was won by Mr. K. T. Walden (22) with a net total of 136 for the 36 holes.

The 10 best scores for this competition were as follows:

Player	Score	Total
K.T. Walden (22)	65	135
H.W.E. Heath (15)	70	141
I.B. Kishor (15)	70	141
T.B. Low (15)	72	143
S.T. Chiu (24)	72	143
J.J. Cunningham (19)	71	142
G. Strickland (20)	72	143
W. Stoker (20)	68	135
E.P. Watts (17)	71	142
C.J. Kitchin (19)	72	143

Other results

Prize winners for the Best Score of the Old Course was Mr. W. Stoker (20) 68.
Prize winner for the best Score of the New Course was Mr. N.J. Whelpton (13) 60.
Winner of the Medal Pool: Mr. W. Stoker (20) net score 68.
Winner of the Baggy Pool: Mr. S.S. Gordon (8) three up.
Runner-up—Mr. W. Stoker (20) two up.
There will be a Knockout Mixed Foursomes at Deep Water Bay in the near future.
Entries close on Monday, April 17. Entrance Fee \$3 per pair.

The final game in the Army Soccer Challenge Cup Competition was played at Boundary Street yesterday and resulted in a 3-1 victory for the Royal Leicestershire Regiment over the South Staffordshire Regiment.

Scenes of great enthusiasm were seen at Boundary Street as hundreds of supporters from the respective Regiments, with the aid of bells, bugles, rattles and megaphones, vociferously urged their favourites on to greater efforts.

On conclusion of the game, the Challenge Cup was presented to the captain of the winning team by General Robert Mansergh, for whom three hearty cheers were given.

Before the game and during the interval, selections were rendered by the band of the Royal Leicesters.

The Army Challenge Cup was put up by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps in 1947 for competition between Army Units stationed in the Colony.

The Cup was won during the 1947/1948 and 1948/1949 seasons by the 25th Field Regiment RA, who were eliminated 1-0 in the semi-final this season by Royal Leicesters.

The Staffordshire had many opportunities to open their account during the first period of yesterday's game, but had positioning as well as an appalling weakness when it came to shooting, prevented them from drawing first blood.

In the first period, the Leicesters were not very impressive insofar as attacking was concerned, their sporadic efforts to break through invariably being smothered by the opposing defence.

Powerful shots

Three times in quick succession, powerful shots were sent in from close range, but each shot was diverted in grand style by Cooper.

It was not until late in the first period that the Staffordshire, who were enjoying more of the play, managed to break the ice.

A miskick by one of the Leicesters defenders saw the ball go to Footner, who immediately gathered it and worked his way in towards goal, netting with a fast cross shot along the ground.

Although the Staffordshire presented with several further

scoring chances before the interval, they failed to turn these chances to the best use.

Shields takes over

Crossing over one goal in arrears, the Leicesters changed their line-up, Shields taking over as leader of the attack.

This change proved to be a great success, as within 15 minutes the Leicesters had equalised, Shields scoring with a neat effort.

Stung by this reverse, the Staffordshire tried hard to regain the lead, but the individual efforts of their forwards failed against the fast tackling defence of the Leicesters.

Ons breakaway by the Staffordshire, however, almost ended in disaster for the Leicesters, the ball being lobbed over the head of Kinson, who had left his charge in an effort to intercept the advancing forwards.

Fortunately for the Leicesters their defence recovered in the nick of time and the ball was cleared before it had a chance to enter the net.

Assert themselves

The Leicesters again asserted themselves and the Staffordshire defence was given a hectic time as the opposing forwards repeatedly swept down the field.

The tenacity of the Leicesters forwards began to have a tell-tell effect on the opposing defence, which was inclined to become erratic in its clearances.

In the 40th minute of this half, the Leicesters went into the lead when one of the opposing defenders, finding the Leicesters forwards on his heels, placed the ball into his own net while attempting to pass it back to the goalkeeper.

The Staffordshire were by no means disheartened, but fought back gamely—to no avail.

Shortly before the final whistle, a fine goal by Crutchley for the Leicesters put the issue beyond all doubt.

Royal Leicesters: Cpl. Kinson, L/C Mills, Pte. Bogg, CSM Woolton, Pte. Shields, L/C Handford, Pte. Green, Pte. Roe, Pte. Huisby, Cpl. Hyde and L/C Crutchley.

South Staffordshire: Pte. Cooper, L/Cpl. F. Smith, Pte. Biteman, Pte. W. Smith, Pte. A. Smith, Cpl. Windsor, Sgt. Newton, Pte. Kelly, Sgt. Bunderley, Pte. Egan and Pte. Footner.

Alterations to
classification list

The following are the alterations to the Classification List of the Hong Kong Jockey Club:

To Class 1A: (1B) Barbarian.
To Class 1B: (2) World Peace.
To Class 2: (3) My Love, (1B) Shannon.

To Class 3: (4) Hurricane, (4) Oakland Bridge, (4) Sparkling Eyes.

To Class 4: (8) Flying Arrow, (6) Jasmin, (5) Kwong Yiu, (3) Lady Gloucester, (3) Penforce, (3) Top Hat.

To Class 5: (6) Topper, (4) Tripoli, (4) Roue d'or.

To Class 6: (3) Powerhouse, (5) Southeast Wind, (5) Victorious.

To Class 7: (8) Al Fresco, (6) Kwong Leung, (6) National Glory, (6) Rosemarie.

To Class 8: (8) Betty Lou, (6) Beulah, (8) Mahabuy, (8) Pinkie, (8) Prosperity, (8) Reputation, (8) Topmail.

To Class 1—1950 Australian Ponies: (2) Lawrence, (Uncl) Speed Bird.

To Class 2—1950 Australian Ponies: (1) Ben Crumpton, (3) Corrie, (4) Flag Day, (3) Gypsy Diamond, (Uncl) High Straight, (1) Kortex.

To Class 3—1950 Australian Ponies: (4) Bonnie Eyes, (4) Hol Wong, (4) Norse Lady, (1) Prairie Moon, (Uncl) Uncle Willie.

To Class 4—1950 Australian Ponies: (Uncl) True Love.

Note: The figure within parentheses indicates the pony's previous class.

HKFC 1st XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club in their League soccer match against the Royal Navy in the First Division today at 8.15 p.m. at the Navy Ground, Portsmouth Bay.

Players: Roberts, Barker, Barclay, Roberts, Mullin, J. Henderson, Duffell, Hurrell, McLoughlin, Blackford.

Players are requested to be at the Navy Ground 30 minutes before the match.

Winners of Army Soccer Challenge Cup



The soccer team of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment which won the Army Challenge Cup yesterday as the result of a 3-1 victory over the South Staffordshire XI in the final game of the competition at Boundary Street.—("China Mail" photo).

Hockey:

Recreio "A" score
2-0 win over KITC

Club de Recreio "A" continued their challenge to Army yesterday, when they beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by two clear goals in a Hockey Association fixture.

In the first half, play was even, both sides attacking in turn, but defences stood firm and there was no score at half-time.

In the second half, Marques scored the first goal for Recreio after 12 minutes when he collected a centre from Bertie Gosano and beat the goalkeeper from close range.

Towards the end, Remedios put the issue beyond doubt when he followed up his own shot and scored from the rebound.

The first half was characterized by fast up and down play, with both defences proving their worth.

Webb and Guest were equal to any call made upon them and dealt competently and confidently with whatever came their way.

The half line of J. S. Dillon, Hassan and Bhagat Singh kept the Recreio forwards quiet and pilled their own line with good passes.

The forwards were inclined to lie back rather far, particularly Ibrahim and Pinto and, as a consequence, the line rarely got moving.

Attacks peter out

Added to this was the fact that the Recreio wing halves, Sequera and Alves, kept a close watch on the opposing wingers so that attacks generally petered out either on the wings, or by a hit too far ahead in the middle, with which Nery and Gonsalves dealt safely.

Garcia, apart from a few penalties, was scarcely called upon to help himself.

Road was, as ever, a sure and safe stopper in the middle and made much ground with cleverly placed passes.

Marques was working hard at inside-left and on the wing, Gutierrez threatened danger once or twice.

Remedios was guilty of aimless hitting up the middle several occasions, while the two Gosanos, if doing nothing spectacular, were competent and incisive.

The teamwork of Recreio was superior to that of the Indians and they thoroughly deserved their win.

WORLD RELAY
RECORD BROKEN

Kimberley, April 10.

Four South African women sprinters—Miss F. Willis, Miss S. Black, Miss E. Maskell and Miss Daphne Robb—broke the women's 440 yards (four by 110) world relay record here today with a time of 47.3 seconds.

The previous record of 47.4 seconds was set up by the Dutch national team in 1948.

Seven watches timed the South African girls during their run today and five of them registered 47.3 seconds.—Reuter.

HKFA COUNCIL
MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the office of the Association on Tuesday, April 18, at 5.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Confirm Minutes of meeting No. 2.

2. Adopt Minutes of Interim Sub-Committee No. 7 & 8.

3. Adopt Minutes of Disiplinary Committee No. 1.

4. Accounts for 1949/50.

Any other business.

Kowloon Cricket
Club tennis

The following are the results of tennis matches played at the Kowloon Cricket Club over the Easter holidays:

C. R. Tiernan beat D. MacGregor 6-6, 6-4.
R. O. Baker beat H. Ridsdale 6-1, 6-4.

A. V. White beat J. T. Haugsted 7-5, 6-2.
Mrs. L. Benjamin and A. E. P. Guest beat Miss N. Lambert and Mr. R. Kermani 6-2, 6-0.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Forward beat Mr. and Mrs. F. Kwok 6-2, 6-0.
Miss M. Figueroa beat Miss M. Fisher 1-0, 6-3.

Mrs. D. M. Pepperell beat Mrs. A. Gonsburger 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
Mrs. M. Chow and Mrs. L. Benjamin beat Mrs. D. M. Pepperell and Miss M. Xavier 6-4, 6-2.

T. E. and R. O. Baker beat E. P. Guest and D. MacGregor 3-0, 6-2, 6-4.
L. C. Kotewall and J. Fenton beat A. V. White and K. M. Guest 6-2, 6-4.

The following is the programme for this week:

Today at 5.45 p.m.
Court No. 1: C. R. Tiernan and J. Horsman vs. J. Lerou and F. R. Kermani.

Court No. 2: Miss M. Xavier vs. Mrs. E. M. Tobbutt.
Court No. 3: A. Zimmermann vs. F. H. Kwok.

Court No. 4: Mrs. C. Getz and C. I. Stapleton vs. Mrs. H. Gonsburger and H. Sabati.
Court No. 5: Mrs. E. Litton and K. M. Getz vs. Miss M. Figueroa and D. MacGregor.

Tomorrow at 5.45 p.m.
Court No. 1: Miss N. Lambert Baker vs. Mrs. J. A. Bailey.

Court No. 2: J. Lerou vs. C. W. Tebbutt.
Court No. 3: T. E. Baker vs. Capt. E. H. Ross Magenty.

Court No. 4: Mrs. M. Chow and L. C. Kotewall vs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Horsman.

Friday, April 14 at 5.45 p.m.
Court No. 1: Mrs. G. Chau and D. Chen vs. Mrs. E. M. Tobbutt and T. O. Baker.

Court No. 2: Mrs. A. Bailey and A. Zimmermann vs. Miss P. Ward and A. V. White.

Court No. 3: Capt. and Mrs. Robertson vs. Mrs. J. T. Lawes and L. F. Stokes.

Court No. 4: Mrs. S. Groundwater and N. Hart Baker vs. Mrs. L. F. Stokes and J. Lerou.

Court No. 5: F. R. Kermani vs. J. A. Abbas.

Saturday, April 15 at 3.00 p.m.
Court No. 1: Miss J. Watts vs. Mrs. L. F. Stokes.

Court No. 2: Miss P. Ward vs. Miss M. Figueroa.

Court No. 3: A. P. Weir vs. Winner T. E. Baker/Capt. E. H. Ross Magenty.

Court No. 4: Mrs. C. Getz vs. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. C. G. March vs. Winner J. V. Sellers/A. E. P. Guest.

At 4.30 p.m.
Court No. 1: A. V. White vs. Winner F. R. Kermani/J. A. Abbas.

Court No. 2: R. O. Baker vs. Winner J. Lerou/C. W. Tebbutt.

Court No. 3: C. G. March vs. Winner J. V. Sellers/A. E. P. Guest.

LAND FORCES
ATHLETIC MEET

The annual athletic sports meet of Land Forces, Hong Kong, will be held this week, with the heats being run off tomorrow and Friday at Bookhampton.

The finals will take place on Saturday, also at Bookhampton.

Results and programme for the previous year can be obtained from the Press and Sports Editor, "China Mail", Limited, 11, Queen's Road, Upper.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

Exhibition baseball games: Brooklyn National, 10:00; New York National, 10:00; Cleveland American, 9:00; Boston American, 10:00; Nashville Southern, 10:00; Chicago National, 10:00; Boston National, 10:00; Associated Press.

Home Soccer:

Manchester United
back to first place

London, April 10.

On snow-swept or water-laden pitches and in winds of gale force, few of the Championship or relegation issues in the English Football Leagues became any clearer after the Easter Monday programme.

If anything, some of the situations became even more involved than they were before the start of the holiday games. This was particularly so at the top of the First Division.

A draw at Birmingham was sufficient to take Manchester United back to first place, which they lost on Friday, but they are only in front of Sunderland, who have a match in hand, because of the goal average.

The bottom clubs in both the First and Second Divisions enjoyed a remarkably successful day and the results showed what great fights they are making to avoid relegation.

In the First Division, Manchester City, Everton and Birmingham all remained unbeaten over the holidays. Manchester City are still at the bottom with 25 points, with Birmingham one point behind.

The Manchester side, however, have played one game less. Though Plymouth Argyle, the last club in the Second Division, obtained their first home win since December 24, they won no advantage, as they lost the other three.

Still at the bottom

Plymouth are still at the bottom with 28 points from 38 games, Bradford are just above them with 20 points from 37 games, while Queen's Park Rangers have played 39 games, two more than Coventry.

At the top of the Second Division, Tottenham Hotspurs are, of course, sure of going up, but the team to accompany them is still in the balance. At present it appears to rest between the two Sheffield clubs, Wednesday and United, who are second and third respectively.

Sheffield Wednesday have 47 points from 37 games and Sheffield United have 46 points from 39 matches.

Though Notts County were beaten at Port Vale, there is little prospect of their being caught at the top of the Southern Section of the Third Division, but Doncaster Rovers, who drew at Halifax, cannot afford many slips in the Northern Section.

Notts County lead the Southern Section from their neighbours, Nottingham Forest, by 10 points, and only have two games in hand.

Nearest rivals

Doncaster Rovers' nearest rivals are the team in the League to take six points from the Easter matches.

Other matches: Oldham 14 Bordeaux 3.—Reuter.

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